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## Modly blasts fired captain as 'stupid' in speech to crew

By CHAD GARLAND  
Stars and Stripes

Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly justified his firing last week of the USS Theodore Roosevelt's skipper in a speech broadcast Monday over the ship's public address system, calling Capt. Brett Crozier "stupid" if he thought a letter calling for his crew to be evacuated because of coronavirus concerns wasn't going to leak.

Modly's remarks in Guam came days after the crew cheered Crozier and chanted his name after he left the ship, a scene captured in videos made by sailors that received wide attention.

"If he didn't think, in my opinion, that this information wasn't going to get out into the public, in this day and information age that we live in, then he was either A, too naive or too stupid to be a commander of a ship like this," Modly said over the "IMC," which broadcasts throughout the aircraft carrier, according to a transcript posted anonymously online. Modly's spokesperson did not respond to phone calls Monday to confirm its authenticity, but The Wall Street Journal and CNN each said they verified the comments through Navy officials.

"The alternative is that he did this on purpose," which Modly said would violate military law.

Roosevelt is now docked in Guam, where more than 1,800 of its roughly 5,000 crew members were being quarantined ashore after more than 150 tested positive for COVID-19.

The skipper's letter, published by the San Francisco Chronicle last week, has been seen by some as a sacrificial move to protect his crew.

It had warned that the outbreak could kill sailors, saying that "if we do not act now, we are failing to properly take care of our most trusted asset — our sailors."

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JOE PARRISH/U.S. Army

Parachute riggers with 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Group Support Battalion, sew surgical masks on March 31 for medical patients at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

## New guidance

Esper tells troops to wear face masks when social distancing is not possible

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

U.S. troops worldwide must wear masks, and sew their own if necessary, if they cannot maintain social distancing standards to protect against the coronavirus, the Pentagon announced Sunday.

The directive follows a sharp rise in coronavirus infections in the ranks and concerns about the ability to maintain 6-foot social

distancing, especially aboard ships and aircraft.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper said the directive applies to all personnel: troops, family members, military civilians and contractors.

"Effective immediately, to the extent practical, all individuals on DoD property, installations and facilities will wear cloth face coverings when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public areas or

work centers," Esper said in a message to the force.

Personnel are not required to don masks inside their homes, the directive stated.

The Pentagon will not issue masks to the military community, Esper said, adding that people should make face coverings from household material such as T-shirts and cloths that can cover the nose and mouth area.

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news on the virus outbreak

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# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Carrier seeks to cancel \$5.5B Airbus contract

Associated Press

The founder and top shareholder of European carrier EasyJet says the company has enough money only to get through August at best and wants to cancel a \$5.5 billion contract with planemaker Airbus for what he calls 107 "useless aircraft."

In a long statement to the media, Stelios Haji-Ioannou says that terminating the contract is the only way for shareholders to retain any value in their holdings in the company. EasyJet, which

flies predominantly in Europe, has grounded all 344 planes and like other airlines is struggling mightily with the global lockdowns on business and travel.

European companies are expected to get financial support from the government, though unlike the U.S. there has not been a coordinated regional plan to bail out airlines or planemakers.

In the U.S., Delta Air Lines, American Airlines, United Airlines and JetBlue have said they applied Friday for their share of

\$25 billion in federal grants designed to cover airline payrolls for the next six months. None disclosed the amount they are seeking. The grant money was part of a \$2 trillion relief bill approved last week. Delta's CEO says his airline is burning more than \$60 million cash per day, and United's president puts it at \$100 million a day.

Singapore, meanwhile, said it will suspend its Changi Airport Terminal 2 for 18 months from May 1.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		Commercial rates	
Euro costs (April 7)	\$1.05	Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
Dollar buys (April 7)	69.9032	British pound	\$1.2294
British pound (April 7)	\$1.20	Canada (Dollar)	1.4135
Japanese yen (April 7)	105.00	China (Yuan)	7.0923
South Korean won (April 7)	1,203.00	Denmark (Krone)	6.9123
		Egypt (Pound)	15.7501
		Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.0801/0.9258
		Hungary (Forint)	7.7524
		India (Rupee)	37.55
		Israel (Shekel)	3.6019
		Japan (Yen)	109.03
		Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3922
		Norway (Krone)	10.4386
		Philippines (Peso)	50.65
		Poland (Zloty)	4.22
		Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	7.3597
		Singapore (Dollar)	1.4331
		South Korea (Won)	1,227.23
		Switzerland (Franc)	0.9779
		Thailand (Baht)	32.87
		Turkey (Lira)	6.7767

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.25
Federal funds market rate	0.05
3-month bill	0.11
30-year bond	1.22

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## WAR/MILITARY



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### Combative training

**Spc. Jesse Daniel** a Wheel Vehicle Repairer for 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, submits **Spc. Adam Church**, a Wheel Vehicle Repairer, during a combat training event Monday, at Camp Ziemsko, Drawsko-Pomorskie Training Area, Poland.

## Iraq: 3 rockets target US oil firm

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA  
AND SAMYA KULLAB  
*Associated Press*

BAGHDAD — At least three rockets hit near the site of an American oil field service company in southern Iraq early Monday, Iraq's military said, the first such attack in recent months to target U.S. energy interests in Iraq.

The rockets targeted the site of Halliburton in the Burjisia area in the oil-rich Basra province, the military statement said. Two Iraqi security officials and one official at the state-run Basra Oil Company said five rockets struck the area. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

A rocket launcher was subsequently found on the Zubair-Shuaiba road by security forces, according to the statement, with 11 unused missiles that were

later defused.

No militant group immediately claimed responsibility for the rocket fire. There was no significant damage, the military said, adding that Iraqi security forces in Basra are searching for the perpetrators of the attack.

Halliburton is an American oil service provider working in the Zubair oil field, which is operated by the Italian ENI.

Monday's attack was the first since last summer to target U.S. oil companies working in the oil-rich south. A rocket struck an oil-drilling site in Basra last June, landing inside a compound housing energy giant Exxon Mobil, Shell and ENI. Three local workers were wounded in that attack.

U.S. workers were evacuated from the site after last year's attack.

## Navy reveals plans to build major expansion near Pearl Harbor base

*Associated Press*

HONOLULU — The U.S. Navy has announced plans for a major housing and commercial development near its Pearl Harbor base in Hawaii.

The Navy envisions a public-private partnership near a future rail station, The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Thursday.

The project would include 2.3 million square feet of residential and commercial space.

The Navy wants to add housing, shopping and parks and improve commuting for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam service members and workers. The Navy also envisions a security checkpoint and a bus depot on the base to transport workers and military members.

The base's shipyard is the state's largest industrial employer with more than 6,000 workers.

The plans include a high-rise hotel and pedestrian walkways over Interstate H-1 and Kamehameha Highway.

The Navy recognizes a "tremendous win-win opportunity" on Oahu that could address transportation challenges and benefit the public and private sectors, Capt. Marc Delao, commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, said in a statement.

The development "will draw new residents, businesses and visitors, and become a community asset," Delao said.

Capt. Darren Guenther, chief of staff for Navy Region Hawaii,

said more than 25,000 people pass through the base gates every day, including Makalapa gate near a planned rail station on Kamehameha Highway.

The effort reflects the commercial importance of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation's 21 planned rail stations and its mixed-use "transit-oriented development."

The proposal is the first development project presented by the Navy's new Acquisition Modernization Office, the service said.

Interested companies must meet an April 10 deadline to respond to a modernization office request for information. A request for proposals is expected in August, with negotiations beginning in early 2021.

# Taliban warn US peace deal near breaking point

BY KATHY GANNON  
*Associated Press*

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The Taliban said their peace deal with the United States was nearing a breaking point, accusing Washington of violations that included drone attacks on civilians, while also chastising the Afghan government for delaying the release of 5,000 Taliban prisoners promised in the agreement.

The Taliban said they had restricted attacks against Afghan security forces to rural outposts, had not attacked international forces and had not attacked Afghan forces in cities or military installations. The Taliban said these limits on their attacks had not been specifically laid out in the agreement with the U.S. signed in February.

The Taliban's statement issued Sunday warned of more violence if the U.S. and the Afghan government continue alleged violations of the deal.

U.S. military spokesman Col. Sonny Leggett in a tweet overnight denied the Taliban allegation, saying the U.S. forces in Afghanistan has "upheld and continues to uphold the military terms of the U.S.-TB (Taliban) agreement; any assertion otherwise is baseless."

In his tweet, Leggett called for the Taliban to reduce violence and said the U.S. military will continue to come to the aid of Afghanistan's security forces if attacked, in line with the agreement.

Meanwhile, the militants said they had reduced their attacks compared to last year, but said continued violations would "create an atmosphere of mistrust that will not only damage the agreements, but also force mujaheddin

to a similar response and will increase the level of fighting."

The Taliban have accused the Afghan government of using "indefensible arguments" to explain the repeated delays in releasing a promised 5,000 Taliban prisoners in exchange for 1,000 government personnel. The Afghan government's foot-dragging has also left Washington frustrated.

Meanwhile, in the Afghan capital, President Ashraf Ghani announced his new Cabinet even as he squabbles with his main political challenger over last year's election results. Ghani's move came even as Afghan mediators — including former President Hamid Karzai — shuttled between the president and his opponent, Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah, who has also declared himself Afghanisthan's president.

The country's Independent Election Commission has declared Ghani a winner, but Abdullah and the Elections Complaint Commission have charged widespread irregularities.

Attempts to negotiate an end to the political turmoil roiling Kabul have made little progress, frustrating the U.S. and potentially derailing the next stage in the Afghan peace process. Washington has threatened to withhold \$1 billion in aid this year if Ghani and Abdullah can't reach a compromise.

The Trump administration wants a quick start to intra-Afghan negotiations, the next step in the peace deal it signed Feb. 29. It looked promising when Ghani announced his negotiating team last week, but Abdullah's response to it has been lukewarm and the Taliban have rejected it as one-sided.

## Yemen: Rebel shelling kills at least 6 prisoners

BY AHMED AL-HAJ  
*Associated Press*

SANAA, Yemen — Yemeni government officials said shelling by Houthi rebels Sunday hit a prison for women in a southwestern province, killing at least six prisoners.

The officials said the attack also wounded at least two dozen prisoners, including four children staying with their imprisoned mothers at the central prison in government-held Taiz province.

The officials spoke on condition

of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

There was no immediate comment from the Houthis.

The shelling came amid a drastic escalation in fighting between the internationally recognized government's forces and the Houthi rebels in recent weeks.

The increased violence in the Arab world's poorest country has displaced more than 40,000 people since January, adding to the roughly 3.6 million who have fled their homes since the war began more than five years ago.



## VIRUS OUTBREAK

## USFJ declares health emergency for Tokyo bases

By SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The commander of U.S. Forces Japan has declared a public health emergency for U.S. military bases on the Kanto Plain in and around Tokyo.

The declaration Monday afternoon “ensures commanders possess the necessary authorities to enforce compliance health protection measures among military, civilians and contractors who live and work on U.S. installations,” a USFJ statement said. The guidance will be in effect until at least May 5.

Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider, USFJ commander, said in the statement that protecting the health and safety of everyone associated with USFJ is his No. 1 priority.

“I cannot underscore enough the importance of personal responsibility at a time like this,” he said. “Stopping the spread of [the coronavirus] requires the entire team — service members, civilians, families and our Japanese partners. The virus makes no exceptions based on military or civilian status, and our policies and procedures won’t either.”

Kanto Plain installations include Yokosuka Naval Base, which is on lockdown because of positive cases there. Yokota Air Base, home of USFJ and 5th Air Force, Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Camp Zama, home of U.S. Army Japan, and the Marine Corps' Camp Fuji training area.

The declaration gives commanders the power to order U.S.



BRIANA BOLING/U.S. Air Force

**“I cannot underscore enough the importance of personal responsibility at a time like this,” U.S. Forces Japan commander Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider, above right, said Monday as he declared a public health emergency for military bases on the Kanto Plain in and around Tokyo amid the coronavirus pandemic.**

civilian workers, contractors, Japanese employees and dependents to follow rules imposed to curtail the spread of the virus, said Air Force Maj. Genie White, a USFJ spokeswoman.

U.S. civilians and dependents have, so far, been “highly encouraged” to follow guidance laid out by commanders in Japan to combat the virus.

Now, a commander could punish a civilian who broke those rules, such as a curfew or restriction on movement, for example, by barring them from bases or revoking their right to stay in

Japan under the status of forces agreement and sending them back to the U.S., she said.

White said that she wasn’t aware of any troops in Japan being punished for violating rules. Not everyone is following them, however.

Capt. Brad Stallings, commander of Sasebo Naval Base, which has one confirmed case of the coronavirus, made his frustrations clear in a Facebook post Sunday.

“What I have seen, heard about or read about in our community over this past weekend concerns

me greatly ... bottom line, we have folks who FLAT OUT DO NOT GET IT,” he wrote.

“I have ... received word that parties are being planned. I am directing you NOT TO DO IT!”

In a previous post, Stallings made a similar statement and urged everyone on base to take seriously the restrictions on leave, liberty and social distancing that apply to service members.

Not following the rules has already gotten service members in trouble in South Korea. A sergeant first class with the 2nd Infantry Division was handed summary

punishment for visiting a bar in Songtan, outside Osan Air Base, and making a false statement, according to a Facebook post by the U.S. Eighth Army. The unnamed soldier forfeited \$2,473 pay per month for two months with one month suspended for 180 days.

The soldier was also placed on restriction for 45 days, given the same amount of time on extra duty and received a written reprimand, according to the post.

The USFJ commander’s emergency declaration also empowers him to mandate changes to operations at commissaries and exchange stores on bases in Japan, White said.

Schneider could also repurpose facilities to respond to the virus, White said, but added, “We’re not planning on doing that.”

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was expected to declare a state of emergency Tuesday amid the surge of coronavirus cases in the nation’s capital, according to local media reports.

Tokyo, now the epicenter of the pandemic in Japan, reported 143 new infections on Sunday, marking the highest rate of increase on record. The total number of positive cases confirmed in the capital reached 1,033 with 30 deaths, according to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government’s website.

There have been 3,569 coronavirus infections and 73 deaths in Japan as of Sunday, according to a Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare news release.

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## Japan’s prime minister expected to declare state of emergency

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TOKYO — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan said Monday that he will declare a monthlong state of emergency for several prefectures amid a surge of coronavirus cases in the nation’s capital.

Abe said that he could make the declaration as soon as Tuesday. The state of emergency will cover Tokyo, Kanagawa, Saitama, Chiba, Osaka, Hyogo and Fukuoka prefectures. Tokyo and Kanagawa are home to several U.S. military installations, including Yokota Air Base, Yokosuka Naval Base, Naval Air Facility Atsugi and Camp Zama.

During a meeting Monday evening at Japan’s coronavirus response headquarters in Tokyo, Abe said that he will “thoroughly explain the contents of the measure” along with how he expects residents to cooperate when the declaration is announced.

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**The National Diet Building in Tokyo is seen Thursday. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Monday that he will declare a monthlong state of emergency for Japan’s capital amid a surge of coronavirus cases.**

according to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government’s website.

There have been 3,569 coronavirus infections and 73 deaths in Japan as of Sunday, according to a Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare news release.

An emergency declaration would give local authorities power to tell people to stay home and to close schools and other facilities,

Kyodo News reported Monday, citing a government official.

Public transportation, such as trains and buses, will not be affected, according to NHK.

Tokyo schools, closed since March, may stay shuttered until early May, NHK reported last week. City streets were still clogged with traffic, however, and shoppers could be seen queuing

inside stores on Sunday.

U.S. military officials have already restricted troop movements in the country and modified operations on their bases. They didn’t immediately respond Monday to questions about what an emergency declaration might mean for service members, civilian employees and their families.

Pressure has been building on

Abe to declare an emergency, including from Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike and the Japan Medical Association. Ahead of any declaration, the prime minister must seek input from a panel of health experts that decides whether it’s necessary, Kyodo reported.

Tokyo Metropolitan Government will release an outline of what it will do if the government declares an emergency so that residents and companies can prepare, Koike said during a news conference Friday.

Koike will ask residents to stay home and request that events be canceled if an emergency is declared. She will also ask essential businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies and banks to remain open. Tokyo will set up hotlines to answer residents’ and businesses’ questions, she said.

In late February, Japan’s northern island of Hokkaido declared a state of emergency, and the governor called on residents to stay home on weekends and avoid large gatherings after a surge in virus cases there. Three weeks later, on March 19, the state of emergency was lifted following a decline in cases.

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## VIRUS OUTBREAK

# 1,100 troops will deploy to NYC as peak expected

By ROSE L. THAYER  
Stars and Stripes

More than 1,100 additional medical personnel will deploy to New York City in response to the coronavirus pandemic that has pummeled the region, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Sunday, as the federal government's coronavirus task force warned some of the worst days of the pandemic are expected this week.

The troops will join about 1,000 service members already working at Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, located near the Lincoln Tunnel in Manhattan, where the military and the Federal Emergency Management Agency transformed the space into a 2,500-bed hospital slated to begin caring for coronavirus patients as of Friday.

New York is the epicenter of the U.S. coronavirus outbreak with more than 122,000 confirmed cases and more than 4,100 deaths, according to the New York State Department of Health. Much of that is concentrated within New York City.

Nationwide, there are more than 338,000 confirmed corona-

virus cases and more than 9,600 deaths, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center. U.S. Surgeon General Jerome M. Adams warned Sunday that this could be the "hardest, saddest week of most Americans' lives."

This new push of military medical personnel includes more than 120 Air Force reservists — the first mobilization from the Air Force Reserve Command in response to the coronavirus pandemic, said Lt. Col. Jon Quinlan, spokesman for the Reserve Command, based at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

The deployment includes more than 40 doctors, more than 70 nurses and about 13 respiratory technicians who departed their various home stations Monday for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., where they will undergo further in-processing with the U.S. Northern Command's Joint Forces Land Component Command, based out of New Jersey, according to a news release from the command.

Jonathan Hoffman, the Pentagon's chief spokesman, said Friday that the military would add

350 additional doctors and 500 nurses to aid in the coronavirus-related efforts. The military so far has deployed about 400 doctors and 1,000 nurses, he said. The 1,100 troops that Esper announced Sunday are in addition to these personnel, Pentagon officials confirmed Monday.

The Javits center has soldiers from Fort Campbell's 531st Hospital Center and Fort Hood's 9th Hospital Center providing support, as well as the New York National Guard.

The Air Force reservists were called through the volunteer process and members were screened for impact to their civilian communities and professions, according to the news release.

The mobilization was made possible through an executive order signed March 27 by President Donald Trump. The order authorized the activation of Reserve troops and others in the Individual Ready Reserve, which includes personnel who have left or retired from the military.

None of the troops in Monday's mobilization were in that ready Reserve status, Quinlan said. All are members of the selected Re-



KATHY WILLEMS/AP

**Brian Stephen leans against a stoop as he takes a break from his work at the Brooklyn Hospital Center on Sunday in New York. An additional 1,100 troops will be deployed to New York City.**

serve, which means they participate in unit and annual training.

"We did not want to pull a doctor or nurse out of their community clinical practice or hospital if already ensconced in coronavirus operations," said Col. Teresa Bisnett, surgeon general of the Reserve Command.

"It was truly a team effort with our units to ensure the right re-

servists were selected to provide this surge capability to our nation," she said.

Though this is the first push to mobilize Air Force reservists, the command stands "ready to do more and we think there will be more opportunities coming down the road," Quinlan said.

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SGT. ADAM ARMSTRONG/U.S. Army

**Parachute riggers with 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) sew surgical masks at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., on Wednesday.**

## Masks: Navy plans to obtain official uniform facial coverings

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Proper surgical masks will not be issued because they are being reserved for the "appropriate personnel," Esper said.

The Navy, in an administrative message to sailors Monday, said the service plans to procure official uniform masks. Until they're issued, sailors and Navy civilians were authorized to wear medical or construction masks as well as bandanas and scarves to cover their nose and mouth.

When troops and civilians approach bases for work, they should be prepared to lower their masks when crossing security checkpoints, Esper said.

Exceptions to Esper's mask instruction require the approval of local commanders and also must be submitted up the chain of command for notification.

Esper's announcement comes as coronavirus infections surge within the military. As of Friday, 978 service members were infected with the coronavirus along with nearly 700 hundred civilians, according to Pentagon data.

The issue of infections in the ranks and the dangers faced by personnel was underscored when the USS Theodore Roosevelt was forced to dock in Guam after an outbreak among sailors. The aircraft carrier's commander, Capt. Brett Crozier, was relieved of command Thursday after a letter he wrote raising health concerns became public.

On Sunday, The New York Times reported that Crozier was now among the more than 900 infected troops.

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## Military cases surpass 1,500

By COREY DICKSTEIN  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — More than 1,500 U.S. service members have tested positive for the coronavirus, marking a substantial jump over the weekend in confirmed cases among active-duty troops, the Pentagon said Monday.

The new figures released Monday show the Navy remains the hardest hit of the Defense Department's military services with 431 of the 1,435 active coronavirus cases reported among service members. The Pentagon on Friday reported 978 active cases among service members.

In total, 1,553 service members have tested positive for the virus, including troops who have since recovered. Thirty-seven are hospitalized by the coronavirus and one soldier — a New Jersey National Guardsman — died of complications caused by the virus.

Another 973 Defense Department-linked individuals had tested positive for the virus by Monday, including five who died after contracting it, the Pentagon data showed. That included 425 DOD civilian workers, 362 military dependents and 186 defense contractors.

The Navy's latest numbers showed a 99-case increase since Friday, as the service deals with the only known significant out-

break of the virus among military troops serving together. More than 150 of the USS Theodore Roosevelt's almost 5,000 sailors had tested positive for the virus as of Saturday, as Navy officials worked to test the entire crew of the aircraft carrier now anchored off the coast of Guam. Navy officials reported Friday that nearly 50% of that crew had been tested, as they worked to move the vast majority of the crew onto Guam for two weeks of isolation to slow the spread.

Among the crew reportedly testing positive for the virus, was the ship's commander, Capt. Brett Crozier, who was removed from command Thursday after a letter that he penned critical of Navy leadership's handling of the situation was leaked to the media. The New York Times on Sunday reported Crozier's positive test, citing unnamed Naval Academy classmates of the captain who remain close to him.

The Army, the largest of the military services, reported the second highest total of coronavirus troops with 334 cases as of Monday. The Air Force reported 281 cases, and the Marine Corps reported 86 cases. The National Guard reported 303 cases among its Air and Army Guard members.

Aside from the breakout among the Roosevelt's crew, it has been

difficult to ascertain where other military cases have been confirmed because the Pentagon has restricted commanders from publicly announcing how many cases exist on their installations, citing security concerns.

Pentagon officials have warned the outbreak in the United States could last into the summer months. They have urged their troops to take protective measures to ensure their health, including following social-distancing and hand-washing guidelines championed by public health officials.

On Sunday, Defense Secretary Mark Esper ordered Defense Department personnel, including military troops, to wear masks when they cannot maintain six feet of distance from other people in public or work settings. He encouraged troops to procure, or even sew, their own masks, as the military will not be providing them to troops.

"Effective immediately, to the extent practical, all individuals on DoD property, installations, and facilities will wear cloth face coverings when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public areas or work centers," Esper wrote in a message to the force.

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## VIRUS OUTBREAK

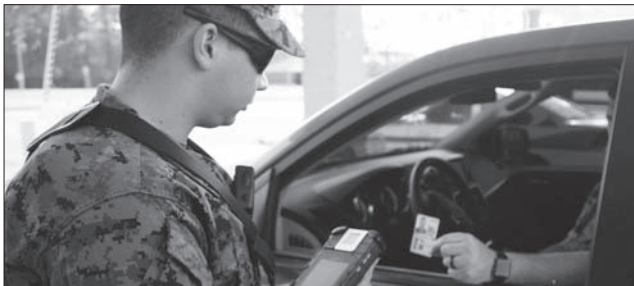
## Sailors and Marines prioritize who can update IDs

By CHAD GARLAND  
Stars and Stripes

Navy and Marine Corps personnel whose common access cards expire before June will be given priority to renew them, as ID offices limit access during the coronavirus pandemic.

Meanwhile, DOD is working to ensure long-term access to its networks for teleworking employees whose credentials — typically linked to the CAC smart cards — may expire later, should offices that issue renewals be closed or inaccessible.

The Navy last week ordered its Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System offices to require online appointments and prioritize service members whose CACs have been lost, stolen or expired before June, as well as retiring personnel, dependents whose IDs expire in April and personnel who need PIN resets.



A Marine demonstrates how sentries at Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., entry control points limit contact with ID cards.

Some offices are limiting services to only those cases, according to the RAPIDS website

at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.mil/>.

The Navy also required ID of-

fices to screen customers and deny them entry if they're ill, were exposed to someone with

the virus or traveled recently.

The Marine Corps instructed any Marine with a CAC expiring before June to renew it "as soon as practical."

Both services also instructed those issued new IDs to log on to government-provided workstations with a wired connection to government networks and cache their public key infrastructure credentials, which would be needed to access the networks while working from home.

DOD was working on a solution to allow users with soon-to-expire certificates to download new ones that would be valid for a year, if users are unable to go to an ID office for renewed CACs and updated certificates, the Navy said. That option would not be available to those whose credentials had already expired, it said.

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## Military uses S. Korean labs for tests on troops elsewhere

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SEOUL, South Korea — Struggling with its own cases, the U.S. military said Monday that it has used South Korean civilian laboratories to conduct coronavirus tests on samples from American troops stationed elsewhere.

South Korean media reported that 12 American service members have been confirmed to have been infected with the virus in tests conducted by a research institute in Seoul at the request of the military hospital on Camp Humphreys.

U.S. Forces Korea confirmed

that samples of troops stationed off the peninsula have been tested by the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other South Korean labs.

It didn't provide details, but said that any outside reports of positive cases didn't change its own total, which stands at 19, including two soldiers.

"KCDC and USFK have developed a good and reliable working relationship during the COVID-19 crisis," USFK said in an emailed statement. "Thanks to this relationship, KCDC and other South Korean labs have agreed to test other off-pen U.S. military swabs."

In the beginning stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, USFK relied on the South Koreans for testing its personnel, but it ultimately stood up its own testing lab on March 8.

Since then, the number of confirmed coronavirus cases affiliated with the military has doubled after several American contractors stationed on Camp Humphreys and Osan Air Base tested positive.

"USFK agreed to help other off-peninsula military services conduct test samples as we have the capability to test 80 to 100 daily, but are probably overwhelmed due to the recent run of contrac-

tor confirmed cases," USFK was quoted as saying earlier by the Yonhap News Agency. "So we've outsourced them to (South Korean) labs."

USFK spokesman Col. Lee Peters said that was not an official statement from the command. He said that USFK won't release aggregate numbers of people tested or quarantined due to recent Pentagon guidance.

The command, however, stressed that it remains "open and transparent with its internal communities and South Korea" in reporting confirmed cases and any other reports of other Americans testing positive did not "re-

flect or imply an increase" to its own tally.

South Korea, meanwhile, logged 47 cases Sunday, its lowest number since an outbreak began in the southeastern city of Daegu in late February.

That brought its total to 10,284, with 186 deaths, the KCDC said Monday. It said that 6,598 coronavirus patients have fully recovered and been discharged, while more than 93% of 466,804 tests had negative results.

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## Department of Veterans Affairs preps 1,500 beds for non-vet patients

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WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs is readying 1,500 hospital beds for non-veterans infected with the coronavirus — the biggest step the agency has taken during the pandemic to serve as America's backup medical system.

VA Secretary Robert Wilkie announced Sunday night that the VA would treat civilian patients in Louisiana, Michigan and Massachusetts, in addition to the help it's providing for non-veterans in New York and New Jersey.

"We are in the fight, not only for the 9.5 million veterans who were part of our service, but we are in the fight for the people of the United States," Wilkie said during a news briefing at the White House.

In addition to treating veterans, distributing their benefits and running veterans cemeteries, the VA has a fourth mission: to provide emergency medical care

to all Americans in times of crises. Some Democratic lawmakers criticized President Donald Trump's Cabinet for not activating that mission sooner.

"We need all hands on deck when it comes to saving lives during this emergency," said Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., on March 26. "Any further delay in allowing VA to fulfill its fourth mission will undoubtedly result in the deaths of Americans who are dependent on their government to act swiftly on their behalf."

The VA is treating about 100 non-veterans in Brooklyn, Manhattan and East Orange, N.J., Wilkie said. The agency will begin to provide support in other hard-hit areas.

Wilkie said that he would inform Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards on Monday that the state can use the VA hospital in Shreveport, La., for non-veterans. Edwards warned Sunday that his state — a hot spot for the virus — could run out of ventilators by the end of this week.

Louisiana had more than 13,000 cases and 470 deaths as of Monday morning, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.

The New Orleans VA Medical Center has seen the most coronavirus patients out of any VA facility nationwide. The hospital has tested 381 veterans who were infected with the virus, and 44 were hospitalized Sunday. Eighteen veterans have died there. The facility started transferring non-coronavirus patients to VA hospitals in Mississippi last week to free space.

Shreveport, in northwest Louisiana, hasn't experienced the surge in cases. The Overtown Brooks VA Medical Center in Shreveport has seen 20 veteran patients, and six of them were admitted to the hospital.

The department will also provide hospital space to non-veterans in Ann Arbor and Detroit, Wilkie said. As of Monday, more than 15,000 people had tested positive for the coronavirus in Michigan, and there were more

than 600 deaths in the state.

The John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit has tested 91 veterans who were infected with the coronavirus, and 26 of them were hospitalized Sunday. A nurse who worked at the Detroit VA died of the virus last week, the Detroit Free Press reported. She was in her 70s and had intended to retire in May. She worked closely with patients suffering from lung and kidney diseases.

As critical care beds filled in Detroit, some veterans were transferred by ambulance to the VA hospital in Ann Arbor, Crain's Detroit Business reported. Ann Arbor tested 32 veterans who were positive for the virus, and 17 were hospitalized.

In addition to opening beds at their Detroit and Ann Arbor facilities, the VA sent a mobile pharmacy to the state.

The department also intends to help Massachusetts care for residents of two nursing homes. Wilkie did not specify which nursing homes or what type of aid would

be provided.

Marylou Sudders, the Massachusetts secretary of health and human services, said Friday that there were clusters of the virus in 78 of the state's 700 senior living facilities.

At the nursing facility AdviniaCare in Wilmington, Mass., 51 of 98 patients tested positive for the virus, according to multiple news reports. Fifteen residents of the Charwell House Health & Rehabilitation Center in Norwood, Mass., died of the virus, The Boston Globe reported.

Wilkie has insisted that the VA's efforts to help civilian patients would not negatively affect veteran care.

The department, which operates 172 medical centers, is responsible for treating more than 9 million veterans. As of Sunday, the agency reported 2,699 positive cases of the coronavirus among VA patients. The death toll had reached 103.

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## VIRUS OUTBREAK

## Virus threat weighs on caregivers of vets

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The coronavirus threat has Jennifer Mackinday taking on more and more responsibilities as the main caregiver to her brother, James Smith, who was badly wounded by a roadside bomb in Iraq 15 years ago.

Mackinday has cut the number of health care workers coming to treat Smith, fearing one of them might bring the virus into the house. She has isolated herself from her own adult son so that he could take over caring for his uncle if she were to get sick.

"We've never been through anything like this, and there's no playbook," said Mackinday, who is also a spokeswoman for the Wounded Warrior Project. "It's difficult for everyone but there are extra burdens for caregivers."

Even for caregivers used to the responsibilities of helping their loved ones, the emerging consensus that the coronavirus poses a greater risk of serious illness or death to people with underlying medical conditions has added a new level of stress.

For Mary Hahn Ward, something as mundane as a trip to the store can feel like she's putting the life of her husband of 40 years, Tom, at risk.

Ward has been caring for Tom since 2010 when he was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease, also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Tom served in the Marine Corps from 1972-1975 and the Department of Veterans Affairs considers ALS a service-connected illness.

Like Mackinday, Ward has stopped medical workers from coming to her home, even the physical therapist who helps to lessen Tom's pain and increase his flexibility. She has taken on that role and others, adding two more hours to her daily workload, she said.

A trip to buy groceries or get gas may bring the coronavirus into her house, Ward said. So she keeps those to a minimum.

The virus causes severe lung disease in some cases, and older men are more likely to die from the disease than women or any other group. With Tom's lungs already impaired because of ALS, Ward believes he would likely die if he were to contract the coronavirus.

"I feel utterly and completely responsible for Tom's life in a way I never did before COVID-19," Ward said.

The couple has decided to keep him at home, knowing that the virus' highly contagious nature would mean she could not be with Tom if he were to be hospitalized.

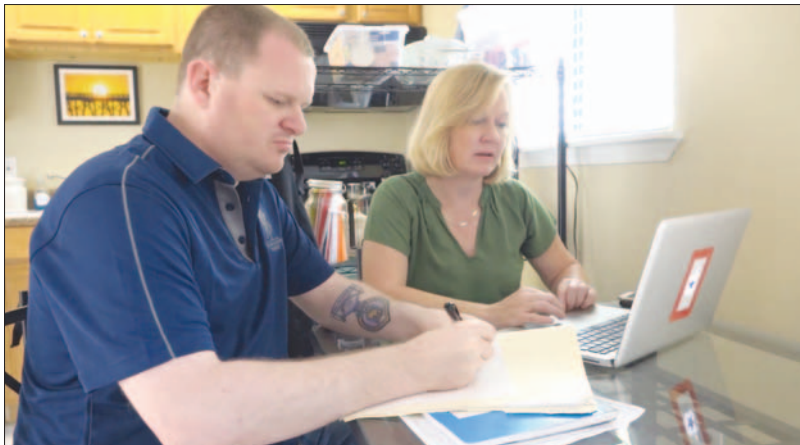
"At least he would be with someone who loved him at the end of his life," Ward said. "I feel like this is such a dramatic statement, yet it cycles through my mind a few times a day — the what-ifs."

Mackinday and Ward are among some 5.5 million family members taking care of a wounded veteran in the United States, according to a 2014 Rand Corp. report.

Many caregivers spend more than 40 hours a week on the needs of their veterans, often while also raising children and holding down a job, the study found. Caregivers tend to experience worse health, are under greater financial strain and at greater risk of depression than the general population, it said.

More than three-fourths of caregivers said the COVID-19 crisis has negatively affected the care of their veteran family member, 859 respondents said in a poll released Wednesday by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation.

While taking on more tasks to minimize the risk of infection has affected caregivers' physical well-being, often leaving



Photos by Jennifer Mackinday

Jennifer Mackinday, right, takes care of her brother, retired Army Spc. James Smith, who was wounded by a roadside bomb in Iraq in 2005. Jennifer Mackinday is now a national advocate for family caregivers of wounded veterans.



Mary Hahn Ward and Jennifer Mackinday

**'I feel utterly and completely responsible for Tom's life in a way I never did before COVID-19.'**

Mary Hahn Ward

wife and caregiver of Marine veteran Tom Ward



MARY HAHN WARD

Mary Hahn Ward with her husband Tom, a Vietnam-era Marine veteran who in 2010 was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. The coronavirus pandemic has increased the physical and mental burden on caregivers like Ward, whose husband is at high risk.

them exhausted at the end of a day, the what-ifs and sense of isolation caused by the pandemic are increasing the mental burden facing veterans' caregivers, said Kathy Roth-Douquet, co-founder and CEO of the California-based nonprofit Blue Star Families.

"You're already fighting isolation in the best of circumstances," Roth-Douquet said. Because military families are often on the move, some of them lack the deep community ties that could help them cope, she said.

In addition, caregivers often feel they have to put the care of their veterans above their own welfare, said Elisa Borah, director of the Institute for Military and Veteran Family Wellness at the University of Texas at Austin. They should make time for themselves, she said, but that can be a challenge when they're also raising kids, who are learning from home because of the pandemic.

"It may feel like you're carrying the weight of everyone's health on your shoulders, but you can't," she said. "None of us are that strong."

Reaching out to others is key, said Mack-

inday, who hosts a podcast with Hahn called "This Caregiver Life." Mackinday also moderates a caregivers' Facebook group created by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, which provides tips on overcoming the problems the pandemic has foisted on them. The group also comforts those who have had a bad day.

"I really think that's the silver lining of this crisis," Mackinday said. "We're getting a better understanding of how strong we are. We're finding new ways to connect."

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## VIRUS OUTBREAK

# Fired Roosevelt Navy captain tested positive

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Capt. Brett Crozier, the USS Theodore Roosevelt commander fired last week after his letter seeking help for the coronavirus-stricken aircraft carrier was leaked to the media, has tested positive for the illness, according to a Sunday report in The New York Times.

Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly decided late Thursday to relieve Crozier, saying he had lost trust and confidence in his ability to command because his scathing four-page letter demanding approval to remove most of the nearly 5,000 crew members aboard the ship was too widely distributed.

So far, at least 155 sailors aboard the Roosevelt have tested positive for coronavirus, Defense Secretary Mark Esper told CNN on Sunday.

Crozier started showing symptoms before departing the vessel at Naval Base Guam early Friday, said the Times report, which cited family members and two of his close Naval Academy classmates.

Pacific Fleet spokeswoman Lt. j.g. Rachel McMarr declined Monday to comment on the report of Crozier's illness, citing medical privacy laws.

Since Crozier's letter, officials have agreed to allow thousands of sailors to leave the ship. The Navy is now undertaking "an aggressive mitigation plan that is currently isolating, quarantining, and treating affected Sailors to keep the ship prepared to execute its mission," according to a 7th Fleet statement Sunday.

Roosevelt sailors will be staying at hotels across the island, "allowing them to align with the recommended 14-day quarantine period while also maintaining an all hands effort aboard to sanitize the ship," the statement said.

Seventh Fleet commander Vice Adm. Bill Merz visited the Roosevelt on Sunday to meet with the crew and area leadership as recovery efforts were underway.

"The team in Guam has shown enormous spirit and focus getting this ship healthy again," he said in a Navy statement Sunday.

Esper told CNN on Sunday that he supported Modly's decision to fire Crozier.

"I think acting secretary Modly made a very tough decision, a decision that I support," he told the network. "It was based on his view that he had lost faith and confidence in the captain based on his actions. It was supported by Navy leadership."



KAYLIANNA GENIER/U.S. Navy  
**Capt. Brett Crozier at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, Jan. 17. Crozier has reportedly tested positive for coronavirus.**

Esper also said the crew cannot be evacuated.

"You actually cannot do that because there's nuclear reactors to be run, you have very sensitive equipment, you have weapons on board that ship," he told CNN. "So it's how you manage the crew, make sure you're protecting them, segregating, treating those that need treated while at the same time maintaining the readiness of the ship in case it's called upon to get to sea quickly."

On Friday, U.S. Reps. Ted Lieu, D-Calif., and Ruben Gallego, D-Ariz., wrote a letter to the Defense Department Investigator General to probe Crozier's firing, stating it "looks like retaliation and sends the message that the Navy does not want commanders to speak out to protect personnel."

At least 17 Democratic senators signed a similar letter on Friday. A petition started Thursday on Change.org to reinstate Crozier as commanding officer had nearly 250,000 signatures by Monday morning.

Crozier's removal may have violated protective disclosure laws, which would have permitted him to report "gross mismanagement" by the Navy, said whistleblower attorney Stephen Kohn in a statement emailed to Stars and Stripes on Friday.

Kohn co-founded the National Whistleblower Center in Washington, D.C., and has represented whistleblowers in the World Trade Center and Oklahoma City bombing cases.

"Military law permitted Captain Crozier to inform a wide range of officials of the life-threatening conditions aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, including any 'substantial and specific danger to public health or safety,'" Kohn wrote.

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**Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas B. Modly has his temperature read as part of a coronavirus screening in Los Angeles, on March 31. Modly criticized the former captain of the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, Capt. Brett Crozier, over the ship's loudspeakers in a speech to the crew Monday.**

## Modly: Official calls letter 'betrayal of trust,' advises sailors to use proper channels

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"Keeping over 4,000 young men and women on board the TR is an unnecessary risk and breaks faith with those Sailors entrusted to our care," Crozier wrote.

Crozier has since tested positive for the virus and is in quarantine, The New York Times reported Sunday, citing two former Naval Academy classmates.

Modly said the leaked memo exposed a potentially weakened U.S. posture in the Pacific, which has become an arena for the "great power competition" between the U.S. and China, according to the transcript and an audio recording later posted by Task and Purpose.

Modly called it a "betrayal of trust" that led to a "big controversy ... about a martyr CO who wasn't getting the help he needed," according to the online transcript.

He accused Crozier of doing something "very, very wrong at a moment when we expected him to be the calming force in a turbulent sea."

Americans expect the U.S. Navy and its sailors to "keep their s--- together and take care of each other," Modly said, according to the online transcript, likening fear of the virus to experiences in war.

"If the ship was in combat and there were hypersonic missiles coming at it, you'd be pretty f--- scared too," he was quoted as saying. And later, "TR has to stand strong as warriors, not weak like victims."

Modly warned the sailors of the consequences of jumping the chain of command or disobeying it, but also told them never to go to the media, which he said had an agenda of embarrassing the Navy. He promised to "never, ever, ever, ever throw you guys under the bus in Washington or anywhere else in the media."

Modly also criticized China's lack of transparency about its own response to the virus, which he said "put the world at risk to protect themselves and to protect their reputations."

"We don't do that in the Navy," he said. "We are transparent with each other, using the proper channels with each other."

He added that the memo caused concern among Guam residents, who he said were afraid thousands of infected sailors would descend upon their island.

"So think about that when you cheer the man off the ship who exposed you to that," Modly said. "I understand you love the guy. It's good that you love him. But you're not required to love him."

Responding to broad criticism and harsh words he'd received since firing Crozier, the acting secretary acknowledged that the crew may be angry with him for a long time, but he said they have no obligation to love their leadership, "only to respect it," and no obligation to love their jobs, only to do them.

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## Debate grows over using anti-malaria drug

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and members of his administration are growing emphatic in promoting an anti-malaria drug not yet officially approved for fighting COVID-19, even though scientists say more testing is needed before it's proven safe and effective against the virus.

Trump trade adviser Peter Navarro promoted the drug, hydroxychloroquine, in a television interview Monday, a day after Trump publicly put his faith in

the drug to lessen the toll of the coronavirus pandemic.

"What do I know, I'm not a doctor," Trump told reporters Sunday. "But I have common sense."

The administration's promotion of the drug comes after a heated Situation Room meeting of the White House's coronavirus task force on Saturday, in which Navarro challenged the top U.S. infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci over his concerns about recommending the drug based only on unscientific anecdotal evidence.

Navarro, who has no formal medical training, erupted at Fauci, raising his voice and claiming that the reports of studies he collected were enough to recommend the drug widely, according to a person familiar with the exchange who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the Situation Room blow-up.

Fauci has repeatedly said that current studies provide only anecdotal findings that the drug works. Navarro told CNN on Monday: "I would have two words for you: 'second opinion.'"



## VIRUS OUTBREAK

## New virus numbers offer glimmer of hope

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**NEW YORK** — The steep rise in coronavirus deaths in New York appears to be leveling off in a possible sign that social distancing is working in the most lethal hot spot in the U.S., the governor said Monday — a trend that seems to have taken hold more convincingly in hard-hit Italy, Spain and France.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the number of new people entering hospitals daily has dropped, as has the number of critically ill patients who require ventilators. But he warned that people must continue to abide by the social distancing and lockdown measures. "It's hopeful," he said. "But it still depends on what we do."

He ordered schools and non-essential businesses to remain closed until the end of the month and lambasted New Yorkers for being out in parks over the weekend.

"That is just wholly unacceptable," he said. "People are dying. People in the health care system are exposing themselves every day to tremendous risk walking into these emergency rooms."

Italy's day-to-day increase in new COVID-19 cases dipped again, for the lowest one-day increase in early three weeks. The country, ravaged by the virus, also saw a drop for the third straight day in the intensive care beds occupied by patients with coronavirus infections.

Italy still has, by far, the world's highest coronavirus death toll — almost 16,000 — but the pressure on northern Italy's intensive care units has eased so much that Lombardy is no longer airlifting patients to other regions.

Nursing coordinator Maria Berardelli at the hard-hit Pope John XXIII hospital in Bergamo said that while the numbers of new patients had eased up a bit, hospital staff members were still pulling long, difficult shifts.

"There has been no reduction in the work," Berardelli said. "There have been fewer admissions to the emergency room, but our intensive care units are still full, so the activity hasn't been reduced."

Stocks rallied on Wall Street and around the world on the news out of the U.S. and Europe, where deaths and new infections appeared to be slowing not only in the three hardest-hit countries but in the Netherlands and Germany as well.

But leaders echoed New York's warning: Any gains could easily be reversed if people do not continue to abide by the rules that they keep their distance from one another.

More than 9,600 people have died of the virus in the United States, and it leads the world in confirmed infections at more than 337,000.

Louisiana health officials reported 68 more coronavirus-related deaths, the state's biggest jump since the outbreak began. In all, the state where New Orleans hosts millions of tourists yearly



FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP

Medical workers wearing equipment to protect themselves from coronavirus bring a patient to St. Thomas' Hospital in Westminster in London on Monday.

has about 480 reported deaths and over 13,000 infections.

A report from a federal watchdog agency found that three out of four U.S. hospitals surveyed are already treating patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19.

In Spain, deaths and new infections dropped again Monday. The health ministry reported 637 new deaths, the lowest toll in 13 days, for a total of over 13,000 dead.

New recorded infections were also the lowest in two weeks.

Emergency rooms in the hard-hit Madrid region of 6.6 million were returning almost to normal a week after scenes of patients sleeping on floors and in chairs.

Patients awaiting treatment in Madrid-area ERs went down Monday to 390 cases, one-tenth of the arrivals last week, the regional government said. The number of people being treated

for coronavirus in intensive care stabilized at about 1,500 five straight days.

Britain reported more than 600 deaths Sunday, surpassing Italy's daily increase for the second day in a row.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who was infected last month, was hospitalized in what his office described as a precaution because of persistent symptoms.

## NYC parks could become 'temporary' burial sites

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**NEW YORK** — New York City has plans to turn parks into temporary cemeteries if the death toll from coronavirus continues to spike, according to a Manhattan politician.

With morgues and funeral homes overwhelmed, the city will dig trenches with 10 caskets each if needed, Councilman Mark Levine tweeted Monday.

"It will be done in a dignified, orderly — and temporary — manner. But it will be tough for NYers to take," wrote Levine, D-Manhattan.

"The goal is to avoid scenes like those in Italy, where the military was forced to collect bodies from churches and even off the streets, added Levine, who chairs the Council's Health Committee.

He emphasized that the burials are a "contingency plan" and "if the death rate drops enough, it



MARY ALTAFIER/AP

A Samaritan's Purse crew and medical personnel work on a respiratory unit in New York's Central Park on March 31. The city has plans to turn its parks into temporary cemeteries if the coronavirus death toll rises, according to a Manhattan councilman.

will not be necessary."

"We're monitoring capacity closely, but there are no immediate plans to do this," a spokeswoman for Mayor Bill de Blasio said in an email.

New York City had 67,820 confirmed COVID cases and 4,758 deaths as of Sunday afternoon, according to the Health Department.

The park burial plan comes as some funeral homes have been so overwhelmed, they've stopped making arrangements for mourning families. The city built a massive makeshift morgue at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan last month.

De Blasio said the city has the capacity to do "temporary burials," but did not go into detail.

## COVID-19 cases already are in 3 of 4 US hospitals

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Three out of four U.S. hospitals surveyed are already treating patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, according to a federal report that finds hospitals expect to be overwhelmed as cases rocket toward their projected peak.

A report Monday from a federal watchdog agency warns that different, widely reported problems are feeding off each other in a vicious cycle. Such problems include insufficient tests, slow results, scarcity of protective gear, the shortage of breathing machines for seriously ill patients and burned-out staffs anxious for their own safety.

"There's this sort of domino effect," said Ann Maxwell, an assistant inspector general at the Department of Health and Human Services. "These challenges play off each other and exacerbate the situation. There's a cascade effect."

The inspector general's report is based on a telephone survey of

323 hospitals around the country, from March 23-27. With hundreds of new coronavirus cases daily, the situation is becoming more dire for many of the nation's 6,000 hospitals. Others can still scramble to prepare.

"Hospitals reported that their most significant challenges centered on testing and caring for patients with known or suspected COVID-19, and keeping staff safe," the report concluded.

"It's likely that every hospital in America is going to have to deal with this," Maxwell said.

Maxwell said the key insight from the report is that different problems are building on each other.

For example, a lack of testing and slow results means hospitals must keep patients with unconfirmed coronavirus disease longer.

That takes up precious beds and uses up protective equipment like gowns, masks and face shields, since doctors and nurses have to assume that patients with symptoms of respiratory distress may be positive.

## VIRUS OUTBREAK

# South Africa's TB, HIV past prepares it for virus testing

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JOHANNESBURG — South Africa, one of the world's most unequal countries with a large population vulnerable to the new coronavirus, may have an advantage in the outbreak, honed during years battling HIV and tuberculosis: the know-how and infrastructure to conduct mass testing.

Health experts stress that the best way to slow the spread of the virus is through extensive testing, the quick quarantine of people who are positive, and tracking who those people came into contact with.

"We have a simple message for all countries: test, test, test," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director-general of the World Health Organization and a former Ethiopian health minister, said recently.

South Africa has begun doing just that with mobile testing units and screening centers established in the country's most densely populated township areas, where an estimated 25% of the country's 57 million people live.

Clad in protective gear, medical workers operate a mobile testing unit in Johannesburg's poor Yeoville area. In the windswept dunes of Cape Town's Khayelitsha township, centers have been erected where residents are screened and those deemed at risk are tested.

While most people who become infected have mild or moderate symptoms, the disease can be particularly dangerous for older people and those with existing health problems, such as those whose immune systems that are

weakened or who have lung issues. That means many in South Africa — with the world's largest number of people with HIV, more than 8 million, and one of the world's highest levels of TB, which affects the lungs — are at high risk of getting more severe cases of the disease.

"Social distancing is almost impossible when a large family lives in a one-room shack. Frequent hand-washing is not practical when a hundred families share one tap," said Denis Chopera, executive manager of the Sub-Saharan African Network for TB/HIV Research Excellence.

"These are areas where there are high concentrations of people with HIV and TB who are at risk for severe symptoms. These are areas that can quickly become hot spots," said Chopera, a virologist based in Durban.

But years of fighting those scourges has endowed South Africa with a network of testing sites and laboratories in diverse communities across the country that may help it cope, say experts.

"We have testing infrastructure, testing history and expertise that is unprecedented in the world," said Francois Venter, deputy director of the Reproductive Health Institute at the University of Witwatersrand. "It is an opportunity that we cannot afford to squander."

The country imposed a three-week lockdown March 27 that bought it some time, said Venter.

"Now is the time to test and track. We must get out into the community and find out where the hot spots are," said the doctor.

"With testing we can strategically focus our resources."



HAMED SARFARAZ/AP

Municipality workers bury the body of a coronavirus victim on the outskirts of Herat province west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on March 27. Many native Afghans have fled virus hot spot Iran, but are returning to country ill-equipped to deal with the disease.

## From Iran's hot zone, Afghans flee home, spreading the virus

By TAMEEM AKHGAR  
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KABUL, Afghanistan — Mahdi Noori, a young Afghan refugee in Iran, was left jobless when the factory where he'd worked cutting stone was shut down because of the coronavirus outbreak. He had no money, was afraid of contracting the virus and had no options. So he headed home.

He joined a large migration of some 200,000 Afghans and counting who have been flowing home across the border for weeks — from a country that is one of the world's biggest epicenters of the pandemic to an impoverished homeland that is woefully unprepared to deal with it.

At the border, Noori lined up with thousands of other returning refugees earlier this month, crowded together waiting to cross. "I saw women and children on the border, and I was thinking, What if they get infected now, here?" the 20-year-old said.

The massive influx of returnees, who are going back untested and unmonitored to cities, towns and villages around the country, threatens to create a greater outbreak in Afghanistan that could overwhelm its health infrastructure wrecked by decades of war. So far, Afghan authorities have confirmed 273 cases of the new coronavirus, more than 210 of

**'If the cases increase, then it will be out of control and we will need help.'**

Ferozudin Feroz  
Afghan health minister

them in people who returned from Iran. Four deaths have been recorded.

Afghan Health Minister Ferozudin Feroz says the virus has already spread because of the returnees. "If the cases increase, then it will be out of control and we will need help," he said.

He and other Afghan officials expressed concern Iran would push out the more than 1 million Afghans working illegally in the country. Iran has already barred entry from Afghanistan, preventing any who left from returning. Iran has had more than 58,000 coronavirus cases and more than 3,600 deaths.

The International Organization of Migration has recorded more than 198,000 Afghans returnees from Iran this year.



THOMAS SAMSON/AP

Medical staff embark with a patient infected with the COVID-19 virus at the Gare d'Austerlitz train station April 1 in Paris. France is evacuating 36 patients infected with the coronavirus from the Paris region onboard two medicalized high-speed TGV trains.

## France turns to trains in virus response

Associated Press

PARIS — The high-speed train whooshing past historic World War I battle sites and through the chateau-speckled Loire Valley carried a delicate cargo: 20 critically ill COVID-19 patients and the breathing machines helping keep them alive.

The TGV-turned-mobile-intensive-care-unit is just one piece of France's nationwide mobilization of trains, helicopters, jets and even a warship, deployed to relieve congested hospitals and shuffle hundreds of patients and medical personnel in and out of coronavirus hotspots.

"We are at war," President Emmanuel Macron tells his companions, again and again.

But as the 42-year-old leader casts himself as a warrior and harnesses the might of the armed forces, critics charge that he waited far too long to act against this foe. France, one of the world's wealthiest countries with one of the best health care systems, they say, should never have found itself so deep in crisis.

Macron had just emerged from weeks of damaging retirement strikes and a year of violent "yellow vest" protests over economic injustice when the pandemic hit. Now he is struggling to keep the house running in one of the world's hardest-hit countries.

The Rungis food market south of Paris, Europe's biggest, is transforming into a morgue as France's death count races past

7,500. Nearly 7,000 patients are in intensive care, pushing French hospitals to their limit and beyond. Doctors are rationing painkillers and reusing masks.

France's centralized state and powerful presidency make it easier to coordinate the exceptional patient-moving efforts, which have crisscrossed the country and even extended to overseas territories.

But the pandemic has exposed weaknesses in the world-renowned state hospital system after decades of cost cuts. Many think Macron did not anticipate the severity with which the virus could hit and set a bad personal example. Similar criticisms have been leveled at other world leaders.

## VIRUS OUTBREAK

## Governors in spotlight as states act

By JULIE CARR SMYTH  
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Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Across America, as families stuck in their homes anxious and isolated by the new coronavirus, a new daily ritual is taking shape: tuning into the governor's afternoon press briefing.

Residents sequestered under a stay-at-home order in Ohio seem to hang on Republican Gov. Mike DeWine's every word, sharing his latest orders among friends via text message and on social media and following along with a drinking game — “Wine with DeWine.” Signature T-shirts and tumblers are available online.

They will someday be artifacts from a moment when state leaders like DeWine found the spotlight and celebrity amid a national crisis. As Americans look for guideposts in disorienting times, New York's Andrew Cuomo, California's Gavin Newsom and leaders of smaller states like Kentucky and Rhode Island, have become chief sources of factual information, leading decision-makers, public counselors and, at times, pop culture touchstones.

The new prominence of state leaders is in part a result of a disjointed public health system that leaves considerable power to state and local officials. Still, it marks a clear departure from crises of the past, when the U.S. presidents seized these roles. After years of intense focus on Washington and a creeping nationalization of politics, the coronavirus crisis has become a reminder of the significance of leaders closer



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**Leaders like Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, left, has found the spotlight — and even a new sort of celebrity — amid a national crisis. Residents sequestered under a stay-at-home order in Ohio share DeWine's latest orders among friends via text message and on social media and following along with a drinking game — “Wine with DeWine.”**

to home.

“At the end of the day, people turn to problem solvers when problems overwhelm us,” said Republican strategist John Weaver, who advised former Ohio Gov. John Kasich's 2016 presidential campaign. “Wonkiness and geekiness and understanding the levers of government and how to get things done have a lot of appeal in a time like this.”

The 73-year-old DeWine, a Republican recognized for his aggressive early response to the virus, sprinkles his briefings with light or inspiring elements, such as a video featuring little girls inspired by his state health director, Dr. Amy Acton, or

an homage to the return of baseball. First Lady Fran DeWine periodically visits to share a sewing project, recipe or an activity idea for stir-crazy children.

In Kentucky, Gov. Andy Beshear's “Afternoons with Andy” have turned the 42-year-old Democrat into a sudden heart-throb for some Kentuckians and appeared in memes as Captain Kirk, Mister Rogers and Kermit the Frog.

“Society won't be the same for a long time after this, and that includes our politics,” Weaver said. “I think you'll see a rise of governors at the top of everyone's mind when we get to that point in four years, there's no doubt about it.”

## Biden seeks to resurrect fundraising amid crisis

By MICHELLE YE HEE LEE  
AND MATT VISER  
The Washington Post

Dozens of influential donors gathered last week to hear from former vice president Joe Biden. But rather than mingling over cocktails at the home of a notable host, the guests signed on using a personalized link to a videoconferencing call — the default venue in the socially distant era.

It's the new normal for Biden, whose fundraising has hit new roadblocks after sweeping victories in March's primaries as Americans have turned their focus to the coronavirus pandemic — and its economic fallout, his fundraisers say.

Some of Biden's donors point to the decision by a number of states to postpone primaries to June 2 because of the virus as robbing him of opportunities to build momentum and grab headlines.

“We're all concerned, now that the primary is June 2, and no momentous thing happening like winning major primaries ... to give him a boost, both in terms of media attention and fundraising until June,” said Alan Kessler, a longtime Biden adviser.

But some of his allies fret that, even before the pandemic, Biden was far behind President Donald Trump, who has been raising money for the general election since 2017. They worry the current environment — which makes it impossible for Biden to hold intimate, in-person gatherings with wealthy donors, and in which Trump has much more visibility — may deepen his challenges.

Biden's backers hope his name recognition and voter enthusiasm to oust Trump will ultimately make up for any financial setbacks — and, they point out, Republicans face the same hurdles in raising money while the coronavirus remains a threat. Supporters note that the anti-Trump sentiments will ultimately rally the party, and its donors, around the eventual nominee, and Biden has a delegate lead to challenge Trump in the fall.

He posted his strongest monthly fundraising record in February, and aides say the campaign raised \$3.3 million in the first two weeks of March, when donors consolidated around his candidacy after most of the other Democrats dropped out. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., remains in the race and has a narrow path to the nomination.

But if he secures the nomination, Biden will face a well-funded foe in Trump. By the end of February, the latest data available, Trump, the Republican National Committee and joint fundraising committees had an eye-popping \$225 million left to spend on the election, officials said. By the end of February, Biden had just \$12 million left for his bid.

“The American people are seeing how well President Trump is responding to this crisis, and his bold leadership is helping our country weather this storm,” RNC spokeswoman Mandi Merritt said in a statement. “President Trump will emerge from this crisis with a well-funded political apparatus, putting him in a stronger position than any Democrat candidate.”



Biden

## Wisconsin legislature criticized for primary decision

By FELICIA SONMEZ  
The Washington Post

Two members of the Wisconsin Elections Commission on Sunday denounced the Republican-led legislature for moving forward with the state's primary this Tuesday, warning that the move will put the lives of Wisconsin residents at risk amid the spiraling coronavirus pandemic.

The two commissioners, Ann Jacobs and Mark Thomsen, both Democratic appointees — voiced their concerns in a letter to state House Speaker Robin Vos, a Republican, and state Senate Republican leader Scott Fitzgerald.

“Your failure to address these profound issues and the safety of all of Wisconsin's residents during yesterday's special session is unconscionable and is an abdication of your constitutional responsibilities as our leaders,” Jacobs and Thomsen wrote, according to a copy of the letter obtained by The Washington Post. News of the letter was first reported by Milwaukee-based TV station CBS 58.

“In the face of a deepening and escalating COVID-19 crisis, forcing an in-person election on Tuesday not only threatens the voters, the clerks, and election staff, it threatens everyone those people subsequently come into contact with at home and elsewhere,” they added, referring to the disease caused by the novel coronavirus.

The letter was sent by Jacobs and Thomsen individually rather than by the entire six-member elections commission, which



AMBER ARNOLD, WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL/AP

**A group with C.O.V.I.D., Citizens Outraged Voters in Danger, protest while wearing masks outside the State Capitol during a special session regarding the spring election in Madison, Wis., on Saturday.**

includes three Democratic and three Republican appointees.

As other states have canceled their nominating contests in the face of the pandemic, Wisconsin has chosen to go it alone — even though more than 100 municipalities will not have enough poll workers to open a single voting location, some voters may not receive their mail-in ballots in time, and those who do vote in person will

be doing so at a time when public health officials have warned all Americans to stay home.

Amid public outcry over the issue, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers, a Democrat, called for delaying the contest and abruptly convened a special legislative session Saturday. But at the session, the state legislature refused to take up a proposal to cancel in-person voting in Tuesday's elections.



## VIRUS OUTBREAK

## Bronx Zoo tiger tests positive

By JENNIFER PELTZ  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A tiger at the Bronx Zoo has tested positive for the new coronavirus, in what is believed to be the first known infection in an animal in the U.S. or a tiger anywhere, federal officials and the zoo said Sunday.

The 4-year-old Malayan tiger named Nadia — and six other tigers and lions that have also fallen ill — are believed to have been infected by a zoo employee who wasn't yet showing symptoms, the zoo said. The first animal started showing symptoms March 27, and all are doing well and expected to recover, said the zoo, which has been closed to the public since March 16 amid the surging coronavirus outbreak in New York.

The test result stunned zoo officials: "I couldn't believe it," director Jim Breheny said. But he hopes the finding can contribute to the global fight against the virus that causes COVID-19.

"Any kind of knowledge that we get on how it's transmitted, how different species react to it, that knowledge somehow is going to provide a greater base resource for people," he said in an interview.

The finding raises new questions about transmission of the virus in animals. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which

confirmed Nadia's test result at its veterinary lab, said there are no known cases of the virus in U.S. pets or livestock.

"There doesn't appear to be, at this time, any evidence that suggests that the animals can spread the virus to people or that they can be a source of the infection in the United States," Dr. Jane Rooney, a veterinarian and a USDA official, said in an interview.

The USDA said Sunday it's not recommending routine coronavirus testing of animals, in zoos or elsewhere, or of zoo employees. Still, Rooney said a small number of animals in the U.S. have been tested through the USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratories, and all those tests came back negative except Nadia's.

The coronavirus outbreaks around the world are driven by person-to-person transmission, experts say.

There have been a handful of reports outside the U.S. of pet dogs or cats becoming infected after close contact with contagious people, including a Hong Kong dog that tested positive for a low level of the pathogen in February and early March. Hong Kong agriculture authorities concluded that pet dogs and cats couldn't pass the virus to human beings but could test positive if exposed by their owners.

Some researchers have been trying to understand the susceptibility of differ-

ent animal species to the virus, and to determine how it spreads among animals, according to the Paris-based World Organization for Animal Health.

The American Veterinary Medical Association and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been recommending that out of an abundance of caution, people ill with the coronavirus should limit contact with animals — advice that the veterinary group reiterated after learning of the tiger's test result.

In general, the CDC also advises people to wash their hands after handling animals and do other things to keep pets and their homes clean.

At the Bronx Zoo, Nadia, her sister Azul, two Amur tigers and three African lions developed dry coughs, and some of the cats exhibited some wheezing and loss of appetite, said Dr. Paul Calle, the zoo's chief veterinarian.

The staff figured there could be a relatively routine explanation for the cats' symptoms but tested Nadia for coronavirus out of "due diligence and an abundance of caution," Breheny said. Only Nadia was tested because it takes anesthesia to get a sample from a big cat, and she had already been knocked out to be examined.

Calle said the test was different from the one used for people and was carried out by a veterinary school laboratory, not one that



JULIE LARSEN MAHER, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY/AP

**Nadia, a Malayan tiger at the Bronx Zoo in New York, tested positive for coronavirus, in what is believed to be the first known infection in an animal in the U.S.**

handles human samples.

The seven sickened cats live in two areas at the zoo, and the animals had contact with the same worker, who is doing OK, zoo officials said. They said there are no signs of illness in other big cats on the property.

## Virus sparks run on chicks, agriculture products in Utah

By AMY JOI O'DONOGHUE  
Deseret News

SALT LAKE CITY — The novel coronavirus and Utah's magnitude 5.7 earthquake are prompting residents to flock to farm and ranching stores across the state, with this season's crop of chicks practically flying out the door.

The Ogden Intermountain Farmers Association store sold 1,000 chicks in one day, and West Haven's Dallas Green Farm and Home sold 350 chicks during its "Chick Days" event last weekend.

Katy Cox and her family have been raising chickens the last four years as a hobby and she was stunned to discover the Riverton IFA store was out of chicks when she went to replenish her flock.

When more chicks arrived at the store, Cox went to pick out the additions, learning there was a six-chick per family limit. Although she only intended to get four, she bought three Americanas and three black Australorps.

"We were not panic buying but there was a big sign that said six chicks per family and it was all roped off," Cox said. "I asked the



STEVE GRIFFIN, THE DESERET NEWS/AP

**Whitney Young, pet and chicken department manager at the IFA Country Stores in Riverton, Utah, sells chicks to a customer.**

woman at the store if people were hoarding chicks and she told me you would not believe it. You have to come right when they open and put your name on a list."

Cox said it surprised her. "I think there is kind of a herd mentality. If one person does it then everyone does it ... it is definitely different times. People have never gone through anything like

this. There was how life looked before COVID-19 and then life after COVID-19."

Cox said she worries people are buying the cute chicks but don't realize the kind of care they require. If they survive, they turn into mature chickens that also require a lot of maintenance.

"They grow up and become stinky and gross," she said. "There

may be a day when we have wild chickens all over Riverton."

It usually takes six months before the chicks mature enough to start laying eggs.

When the rush happened at Dallas Green, one employee wryly commented on the run, saying he wasn't sure why it was happening.

"It's not like they can eat them," Braden Smith, the store's manager, said they were supposed to have received 250 chicks for Chick Days but got 100 more by accident.

"They shipped us an extra box with live birds and we gladly accepted it."

On March 18, the day of the earthquake, Smith said there was a long line of people waiting for propane.

"We almost sold through our tank. There is no issue with the supply of propane," Smith said.

His store is also selling more chicken feed, and when one product runs out, people move onto the next in the supply chain.

He said the panic-buying creates a bullwhip effect that makes it harder for suppliers to keep up. The supply, he said, is there, it just

takes time to get to the store.

"I think there is a couple of things going on," Smith said. "People want to feel like they have control in a situation where you really don't have control."

Ron Gibson, president of the Utah Farm Bureau, said the pandemic is instilling a big question mark for the agricultural industry and how it might shift and adapt.

As an example, 42% of all dairy products in the United States go to the food service sector such as restaurants and hotels — where demand has dropped off significantly. Another 25% goes to exports, which have also plunged.

On the flip side, demand is up in grocery stores, which are having a hard time keeping products on the shelves.

As for Utah's farmers and ranchers, Gibson assured residents they should not worry the coronavirus is affecting production. "I can say there is no concern about your food security. We are planting crops right now ... I don't know of one producer that is affected or has changed their plans for the growing season. ... That is our job."

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WORLD

# Ukraine battles forest fire near Chernobyl plant

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Emergency teams in Ukraine on Monday continued battling a forest fire in the contaminated area around the Chernobyl nuclear power plant that has raised radiation fears.

Police said they tracked down a person suspected of starting the blaze by setting dry grass on fire. The 27-year-old man said he burned grass “for fun” and then failed to extinguish it when the wind caused it to expand quickly.

Two blazes erupted Saturday in the zone around Chernobyl that was sealed after the 1986 explosion at the plant.

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Firefighters said they managed Monday to put out the smaller of the two fires, but the second one continued burning, covering about 50 acres.

The authorities said that radiation levels in the area engulfed by fires substantially exceeded normal levels, but the emergency service said radiation levels in the capital, Kyiv, about 60 miles south, were within norms.

The 1,000-square-mile Chernobyl Exclusion Zone was established after the April 1986 disaster that sent a cloud of radioactive fallout over much of Europe.



YAROSLAV YEMELIANENKO/AP

A view of a forest fire burning near the village of Volodymyrivka, Ukraine, in the exclusion zone around the Chernobyl nuclear power plant Sunday.

## Rwanda: 30K bodies could be in valley dam

By IGNATIUS SSUUNA  
Associated Press

KIGALI, Rwanda — A valley dam that authorities in Rwanda said could contain about 30,000 bodies has been discovered more than a quarter-century after the country's genocide in which 800,000 ethnic Tutsi and Hutus who tried to protect them were killed.

The discovery is being called the most significant in years, and 50 bodies have been exhumed so far in efforts that are challenged by the East African nation's coronavirus-related lockdown.

Rwanda on Tuesday marks the 26th anniversary of the genocide, but because of the lockdown, the country will follow events on television and social media as gatherings are banned.

Word of the valley dam and the bodies it held emerged as many people convicted in the genocide are being released from prison after serving their sentences and offering new information on mass graves. Other information on the dam came from nearby residents.

“The challenge we face now is that the valley dam contains water, but we are trying to dry it up,” Naphtali Ahishakiye, the executive secretary of genocide survivor organization Ibuka, told The Associated Press.

The valley is outside the capital, Kigali, in the country's east.

Authorities said that the dam was dug years before the genocide to provide water for rice farming.

Every now and then, as graves of genocide victims are discovered, some survivors question whether true reconciliation can be realized if perpetrators of the killings conceal information about where people were buried.

Exhuming bodies during the coronavirus pandemic is very challenging since people cannot gather, Ahishakiye said. “But we try our best so that we give the dead a decent burial.”

## Third arrest made in France attack

PARIS — A third person has been detained in a anti-terrorism investigation in France over a knife attack south of Lyon that left two people dead, authorities said Sunday.

The third arrest was made Saturday night and all three of the suspects are Sudanese, the French anti-terror prosecutor's office said.

On Saturday, a man attacked residents with a knife in the small town of Romans-sur-Isère, injuring several people in addition to the two fatalities. Residents, who were in lockdown amid the coronavirus pandemic, were carrying out their permitted daily food shopping.

France's counterterrorism prosecutor's office said that the assailant was arrested minutes after he was kneeling on the sidewalk praying in Arabic.

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## NATION

# Intelligence IG 'disappointed' by Trump's ouster

By ERIC TUCKER  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The ousted inspector general of the intelligence community says he is "disappointed and saddened" that President Donald Trump fired him, but he also encouraged other inspectors general to continue to speak out when they are aware of wrongdoing.

Trump notified Congress late Friday evening that he intended to fire Michael Atkinson, a pivotal figure in his impeachment last year because he had lost confidence in him. On Saturday, Trump made it clear that the move had been retaliatory, telling reporters that Atkinson was a "disgrace" and had done "a terrible job" because he had provided an anonymous whistleblower complaint to Congress — a move that was required by law.

Atkinson said in the statement, sent to reporters late Sunday, that "it is hard not to think that the

president's loss of confidence in me derives from my having faithfully discharged my legal obligations as an independent and impartial inspector general, and from my commitment to continue to do so."

Atkinson was required by law to notify Congress of the complaint, which was written by an anonymous intelligence official and detailed Trump's pressure on Ukraine to investigate Democrats. The inspector general had deemed it urgent and credible, meaning that he was required to share it with the House and Senate intelligence committees. But the acting director of national intelligence at the time, Joseph Maguire, overruled him for several weeks.

After a firestorm sparked by media reports of the complaint, it was turned over and made public in September, and a congressional inquiry into the matter led to Trump's impeachment by the House in December. The GOP-



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**Michael Atkinson, the ousted inspector general of the intelligence community, has said he is 'disappointed and saddened' by President Donald Trump's decision to fire him.**

led Senate acquitted Trump in February.

Atkinson said in the email that he was legally obligated to "ensure that whistleblower means to disclose urgent matters involving classified information to the congressional intelligence committees," and that such whistleblowers were protected against reprisal. Trump repeatedly called

for the whistleblower's name to be revealed.

Atkinson also directed his message to other inspectors general, saying that he knows they will "continue to do everything in their power" to continue to protect whistleblowers.

"Please do not allow recent events to silence your voices," Atkinson wrote.

## Baltimore man killed while live streaming

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Baltimore police are investigating the shooting death of a man who was hosting a "game night" party in a short-term rental property and streaming it live on Facebook, a city councilman said.

The selfie video shows Ernest Wilson III walking through the house party and playing a hide and seek game early Saturday. He goes into the back yard to find people when suddenly, an attacker can be seen climbing over the fence. Someone orders Wilson to get on the ground. After a commotion, the recording ends.

Democratic City Councilman Eric Costello said in his own Facebook post that police told him there were two attackers who demanded money.

The Baltimore Sun reported that according to Wilson's social media pages, he routinely hosted parties around the city, and began his Facebook Live video by telling people to reach out to him if they wanted to attend. In another post earlier that night, he wrote that there were only 15 people there and invited more to come for "only \$5."

## Dems focus on health care as virus-era campaign issue

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats are zeroing in on health care as one of the few issues that might resonate among Americans who have largely shelved election-year politics as they focus on protecting their families from the spreading coronavirus.

Joe Biden, the prospective Democratic nominee, is criticizing President Donald Trump for refusing to reopen "Obamacare" enrollment to allow more Americans to sign up for medical insurance during the crisis. Congressional candidates are slamming Republicans for not doing enough to protect access to health coverage. And in Capitol Hill, Democrat-



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ic leaders are pushing for the next coronavirus response legislation.

Democrats were always going to focus on health care after the issue helped them retake control of the House in 2018. But the coronavirus pandemic has added new urgency to the push, sidelining other policy debates that dominated the Democratic primary, such as free college or environmental reforms.

"It's definitely amplified to people who thought that it was not the overarching issue," said Betsy Dirksen Londrigan,

the Democrat running against GOP Rep. Rodney Davis for an Illinois congressional seat. "Health care, and access to quality affordable care, is the No. 1 issue, and it will be on the ballot in November."

Democrats still hope to put Trump on defense on other issues, such as his handling of the economy and his overall leadership. But as hospitals struggle to cope with surging coronavirus cases, few issues may feel as tangible to voters as health care.

Trump and Vice President Mike Pence struggled to respond to questions during a press briefing about why the administration has refused to reopen healthcare.gov to allow all uninsured Americans to buy coverage through the government marketplace.

Pence noted that private insurers are waiving fees on testing and that states could expand coverage under Medicaid. He later said the administration was considering direct aid to hospitals who treat uninsured patients suffering from COVID-19.

Biden called the resistance to reopen the exchanges "callous."

Trump has long pledged to offer an alternative to Obamacare that would be cheaper and provide better coverage. Democrats are now highlighting the administration's support of a Republican-backed legal effort to invalidate the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate, which could ultimately dismantle the entire law.

## School districts start banning Zoom because of online security issues

By VALERIE STRAUSS  
The Washington Post

Some school districts around the country have started to ban the use of Zoom for online learning from home during the coronavirus crisis because of growing concerns about security, and others are reassessing how and whether to use the teleconferencing platform.

Days after the FBI issued a warning to the public about the "hijacking" of online classrooms

and teleconferences, the New York City Department of Education, which runs the largest school district in the country, said teachers should no longer use Zoom and should instead work through Microsoft Teams.

Other school districts, too, have banned Zoom or are trying to beef up security around its use. Clark County Public Schools in Nevada said in a statement that it had decided to "disable access to Zoom out of an abundance of caution due to instances of hacking

that created unsafe environments for teachers and students."

Asked about the school districts that are banning its platform, Zoom said in a statement:

"We are deeply upset to hear about the incidents involving this type of attack and we strongly condemn such behavior. Starting on March 20th, we have been actively educating users on how they can protect their meetings and help prevent incidents of harassment through features like waiting rooms, passwords, mut-

ing controls and limiting screen sharing. We have also been offering trainings, tutorials, and webinars to help users understand their own account features and how to best use the platform. We are listening to our community of users to help us evolve our approach — for example, we recently changed the default settings for education users to enable waiting rooms by default and ensure teachers by default are the only ones who can share content in class."

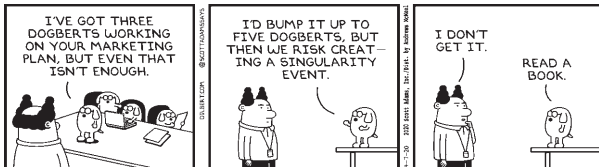
The FBI issued a warning to the public last week about the "hijacking" of online classrooms and teleconferences after it received reports of disturbances by people shouting racist and threatening language and displaying hate messages. It said saboteurs were hacking into online meetings in a phenomenon now called "Zoom-bombing." Zoom has become the most popular teleconferencing choice for K-12 schools and colleges and universities during the pandemic.



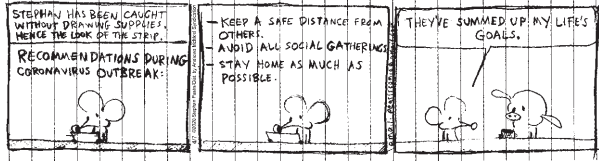
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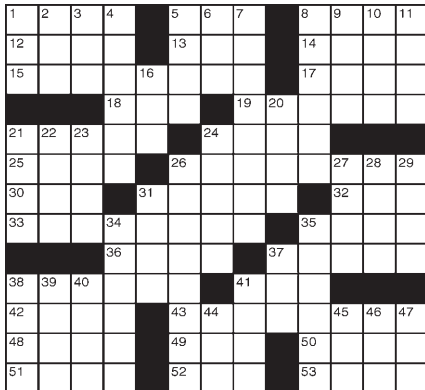
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



### ACROSS

- 1 Tibetan monk
- 5 Carnival city
- 8 Depleted
- 12 Spoken
- 13 Reply (Abbr.)
- 14 Exploits
- 15 Heel type
- 17 Denny's rival
- 18 Connections
- 19 Lengthy list
- 21 Macadamized
- 24 Butte's kin
- 25 Sleeping
- 26 Tijuana hat
- 30 Towboat
- 31 Laundry woe
- 32 Pledge
- 33 Detached, in music
- 35 Flying toy
- 36 Jug handles
- 37 Cardiff's country
- 38 Renter
- 41 Salary
- 42 Poetic tributes
- 43 Plot outline
- 48 Shrek, for one
- 49 Coffee vessel
- 50 —Aid
- 51 Turner and
- Danson
- 52 Cauldron
- 53 Transmit

### DOWN

- 1 — Alamos
- 2 Louvre collection
- 3 Avril follower
- 4 In cahoots
- 5 "Phooey!"
- 6 Bankbook abbr.
- 7 Traditional Italian tune
- 8 Clapton's instrument
- 9 Fed. workplace monitor
- 10 Very bright
- 11 Catch sight of
- 16 Conclusion
- 20 Dust jacket ID
- 21 Light touches
- 22 Border on
- 23 Lyra's brightest star
- 24 Castle barriers
- 26 Begins
- 27 Satan's forte
- 28 Memory method
- 29 Is in debt
- 31 Read quickly
- 34 Stops
- 35 Whitewater vessels
- 37 Pallid
- 38 Horn sound
- 39 Rim
- 40 Dweeb
- 41 Cooped (up)
- 44 —Magnon
- 45 Fish eggs
- 46 Charged bit
- 47 Vintage

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



### 4-7

### CRYPTOQUIP

HS OYMCXO UXPX ETKYG EA

JTYVPMJV VT UTPC STP VDXHP

OKQXPHTPO, VDXA'G EX

HYGXVVKPXG OXPQXYVO.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT WHO WAS VERY MUCH INCLINED TO FLATTER PEOPLE SERVILELY: TOADY ROOSEVELT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals N

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## 23 guns seized, man arrested after inquiry

**CA** VENTURA — A Southern California man was arrested and nearly two dozen guns were seized following an investigation that began when deputies responded to a call about numerous firearms inside a parked vehicle, authorities said.

Detectives identified the owner of the vehicle as Jerome Perkins, 40, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office said.

Deputies suspected several of the rifles found in the vehicle last month were not in compliance with state Department of Justice firearm standards, officials said.

They seized 23 firearms in all, including 10 assault-style rifles and three high-powered bolt-action WWII-style rifles along with high-capacity magazines and ammunition, the newspaper reported. They also found components consistent with items used to manufacture firearms, officials said.

## Man coughed and spit on produce at store

**MA** KINGSTON — Police were pursuing charges against a man they said was coughing and spitting on produce at a Massachusetts grocery store.

Kingston police said they were called to a Stop and Shop supermarket for a report of a disturbance.

They said the 65-year-old Duxbury resident, who they haven't named, was seen coughing and spitting on food items and then became physically combative with staff and store patrons.

He was taken Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Plymouth to be evaluated, but it is not believed to have COVID-19, the department said in a Facebook post.

## For sale: 200-year-old home, needs repair

**GA** SPARTA — A house built more than 200 years ago by a friend of President Andrew Jackson is on the market in eastern Georgia.

But the nonprofit group selling the property in Hancock County requires that the buyer be willing to do repairs and rehabilitation work to preserve the home's historic integrity.

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation wants \$130,000 for the Alston-Wiley House built by Col. Robert West Alston around 1817. The home sits on 4 acres in the small city of Sparta, about 100 miles east of Atlanta.

## Zoo gets 2 new lions named Brutus, Titus

**IL** BROOKFIELD — A zoo in suburban Chicago is getting two new lions named Brutus and Titus after the previous lions were euthanized, officials said.

Brookfield Zoo officials said they are 4-year-old male siblings that arrived from Hogle Zoo in Utah last month.

The previous lions were euthanized in January, one for age-re-



CHRISTOPHER DOLAN, THE (SCRANTON, PA.) TIMES-TRIBUNE/AP

## Selfie distancing

Lisa Farrell of Dalton, Pa. takes a selfie with the Easter Bunny from a safe social distance outside the Waverly Community House in Waverly Township, Pa. With the Waverly Community House's annual Breakfast with the Bunny event cancelled due to COVID-19, the Easter Bunny instead stood outside the Waverly Community House and waved to motorists passing by the building.

lated health issues and the other an injury believed to have been caused by a fall.

## Baby alligator found with drugs and guns

**FL** ORLANDO — Florida authorities tracking a stolen car also discovered a little something unexpected — a baby alligator being kept as a pet.

Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma said a deputy ran a license plate number and discovered a car was stolen.

The deputy trailed the car to a Lake Mary home and stopped a separate car that was attempting to leave the driveway. Deputies found guns, heroin and cocaine in the car, according to the Orlando Sentinel.

Inside the house, investigators found the baby alligator along with more drugs and guns.

## Father sentenced for running son's drug ring

**MT** MISSOULA — A Montana man was sentenced to more than 16 years in federal prison for taking up his son's methamphetamine and heroin distribution operation.

Allan Roy Goodman, 43, was sentenced on eight charges including drug distribution, relating against a witness and firearm offenses. The Missoulian reported.

## THE CENSUS

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Witnesses said they heard multiple small explosions and saw flames leaping high into the air as the fire spread across the area. Another 3,850 vehicles were undamaged, according to airport spokeswoman Vicki Moreland.

The approximate number of rental cars damaged or destroyed in a fire near a Florida airport. The Fort Myers News-Press reported the cars were in a grassy area used as an overflow lot by car rental companies that service Southwest Florida International Airport.

U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy sentenced Goodman to 195 months in federal prison followed by 10 years of supervised release.

Confidential informants told authorities Goodman had become a heroin and meth supplier in Missoula.

The informants said he took over the operation from his son, Stephen Goodman, who was sentenced to nearly six years in federal prison for drug distribution two years ago, court records said.

## Woman charged after setting another on fire

**NC** GOLDSBORO — A North Carolina woman was charged with attempted first-degree murder after investigators said she set another woman on fire, police said.

Goldsboro police said Karla Ann Davis of Goldsboro was being held without bond in the Wayne County jail, news sources

reported.

Officers responding to a call regarding an assault at a home found Latonya McCoy, who suffered severe burns.

## 3 charged for robbery, assault in cemetery

**MO** HARRISONVILLE — The Cass County Sheriff's Office said three people were charged with robbing and assaulting a woman in a Kansas City, Mo.-area cemetery.

Prosecutors charged Harrisonville resident Maggie Justice, 32; Lancaster, Kan. resident Dustin Richardson, 31; and Harrisonville resident Glen Downton, 59.

The Kansas City Star reported Cass County deputies and Harrisonville police went to the Orient Cemetery near Harrisonville. A 35-year-old Blue Springs woman told officers she went to the cemetery with a friend, then the friend and two other people assaulted her.

Officers said she escaped and

hid in the woods.

The sheriff's office said Justice, Richardson and Downton had taken some of her things and left in her truck. Law enforcement found the stolen vehicle on fire.

## Man arrested week later for shooting ex-girlfriend

**GA** SNELLVILLE — A Georgia man on the run after shooting and wounding his ex-girlfriend was arrested a week after the incident, authorities said.

Venezia Cole, 26, was captured and charged news outlets reported.

Gwinnett Police spokeswoman Cpl. Michele Pihiera said authorities were called to a home in Snellville, where they found a 22-year-old woman suffering from multiple gunshot wounds in the driveway.

A relative told police Cole was supposed to be dropping off diapers when the shooting happened, Pihiera said.

Police said Cole shot the woman in front of their 1-year-old son then fired multiple rounds into the home. No one inside the home was injured.

The Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office said the child was outside during the shooting but was not wounded. They also said the woman survived.

From wire reports

## FACES

## Disney resets release dates

By JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

The Walt Disney Co. overhauled its release schedule April 3 by moving the dates of half a dozen Marvel movies, announcing a new one for the live-action adaptation of "Mulan" and pushing one movie, "Artemis Fowl," to Disney Plus, in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Black Widow," the Marvel entry starring Scarlett Johansson, had been set to kick off the summer movie season. Instead, Disney said it will now open Nov. 6. Such delays have unique ramifications for Marvel movies because of their interconnection. With "Black Widow" on the move, that meant a domino effect, pushing most all upcoming Marvel releases back at least three months. "Black Widow" took the release date of "The Eternals," which now moves to Feb. 21 next year, "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" departs that February date for May 7, 2021. "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness" shifts from next May to Nov. 5, 2021. And "Thor: Love and Thunder" is pushed three months, to Feb. 18, 2022.

Disney isn't abandoning the summer completely. "Mulan," which has been scheduled for March, will now open July 24. The company also didn't move the Pixar release "Soul" from the June 19 release date. Those plans, of course, are subject to movie theaters being reopened by then.

While Disney shifted nearly all of its big-budget movies, it's going to send one to its streaming service. The Kenneth Branagh-directed science fiction adventure adaptation "Artemis Fowl" will go to Disney Plus instead of opening in theaters. The movie had originally been slated for release last August but had been rescheduled for May of this year. With the exception of Universal's "Trolls World Tour," the major studios have chosen to delay their top releases rather than push them to digital release and sacrifice box-office revenue.

"Jungle Cruise," with Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt, is being pushed back a full year to July 30, 2021. The release of the fifth "Indiana Jones" movie, which Steven Spielberg last month departed as director with James Mangold replacing him, is also being delayed a full year, to July 2022. Harrison Ford will be 80 years old by then.

Wes Anderson's "The French Dispatch" is also postponed from July to Oct. 16.



Disney

"Artemis Fowl," starring Ferdia Shaw, was originally intended to have a theatrical release, but now will stream on Disney Plus.



## Short videos, large library

Phone-only Quibi service offers bites of digital entertainment

By LYNN ELBER  
Associated Press

Want to see Chance the Rapper prank Hollywood stars? Catch a new action thriller starring Liam Hemsworth and Christoph Waltz? How about a six-minute edition of "60 Minutes"? There's an app for that, and more.

Quibi — a snappy amalgam of "quick" and "bite" — is a mobile phone-only platform that will release its snack-sized installments of movies and TV shows each weekday. There will be seven-day-a-week dollops of news, sports and weather, gathered under the umbrella name Daily Essentials, all adding up to a mind-boggling 175-plus programs planned for this year.

It launches Monday in the U.S. and Canada with a 90-day free trial and 50 programs, all in segments no longer than 10 minutes. They include "Punk'd," with Chance the Rapper as host and executive producer; the Hemsworth-Waltz movie "Most Dangerous Game," and "Chrissy's Court," with Chrissy Teigen administering justice in small claims cases as a Judge Judy.

Others who have signed on to either produce or appear (or both) in Quibi content include Reese Witherspoon, Joe Jonas, Jennifer Lopez, Lena Waithe and Sophie Turner.

But the biggest names attached to the project are its executives: entertainment industry heavyweight Jeffrey Katzenberg and former Hewlett-Packard CEO Meg Whitman. In the 1980s, Katzenberg revived the Walt Disney Co.'s movie studio and its animation division with hits including "The Little Mermaid," and in 1994 co-founded DreamWorks SKG with Steven Spielberg and David Geffen. Quibi is Katzenberg's brainchild, and he picked Whitman, also a longtime Disney executive, as the new platform's CEO.

For Katzenberg, it's the product that will make Quibi a winner:

"In all my years, there is one rule that has never failed, ever," he said. "Which is, when I had my hands on great content, whether it was an animation and movies ... whether it was TV shows, a Broadway show, a novel, anything that I had ever had in my orbit that was really good, it's never not worked."

There are serious believers. Quibi raised \$1 billion in funding in 2018 from investors including Disney, NBCUniversal and Viacom, and announced another \$750 million in a second fundraising round that closed last month.

After the initial free window (the company's

response to the coronavirus crisis), Quibi will cost \$4.99 a month with advertising or \$7.99 for an ad-free version.

Because the company ramped up production in light of a possible writers strike last summer, Katzenberg said, it got ahead of the pandemic-caused shutdown of TV and film production. Quibi is on track for new releases through October or November under current circumstances.

Quibi's core business model "faces some headwinds given its focus on short-form videos, with the Goliath YouTube front and center," said analyst Dan Ives of Wedbush Securities. "Betting against Katzenberg has not worked out well for skeptics over his career," he added, but he sees an uphill battle for the new platform to succeed.



Katzenberg

Katzenberg pushes back at the idea that Quibi, with its A-list talent and the big screen-worthy quality of its movies, can be undercut by YouTube.

"Please name me a single widely distributed, widely consumed product, that when somebody came along and offered a better version, a more convenient version, or a premium version or a luxury version, that there wasn't some group of people that went, 'Yeah,'" he said.

It was the rise of YouTube and smartphone-streamed video that prompted Katzenberg's interest in the creative and business opportunities it represented. He also drew inspiration from contemporary novels with chapters as brief as a few pages so that readers with just a few minutes to spare would still enjoy a complete experience.

"We're doing movies the way Dan Brown did

"The Da Vinci Code," Katzenberg said.

Quibi's unique selling point is its Turnstyle technology, developed under Whitman's direction, which allows users to switch between portrait and landscape viewing and always get a full-screen image minus the annoying black bar. The patented Turnstyle's payoff for creators is how it can enhance storytelling — for instance, viewers can be given the option to shift a movie scene to the character's perspective by flipping from horizontal to a vertical display.

"I'm confident we're going to give people something they've never seen before," Katzenberg said. "They will decide if they're going to value that enough to want to pay for it."

## Lady Gaga compiling TV special

Associated Press

Lady Gaga and advocacy organization Global Citizen have raised \$35 million to fight the coronavirus and will launch a TV special featuring Paul McCartney, Stevie Wonder and Billie Eilish.

Gaga said Monday that the money will benefit The World Health Organization. The pop star and Global Citizen also announced "One World: Together At Home," a televised event. It will air April 18 at 8 p.m. Eastern simultaneously on ABC, NBC, CBS, iHeartMedia and Bell Media networks.

"We want to highlight the gravity of this historical, unprecedented cultural movement, and we want to celebrate and encourage the power of the human spirit," Gaga said Monday.

The multi-hour TV special, which will also stream live on platforms including YouTube, Apple, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, will include appearances by Elton John, David Beckham, John Legend, Eddie Vedder, Kerry Washington, Coldplay's Chris Martin, Lizzo, J Balvin, Andrea Bocelli and Maluma. Idris Elba and his wife, Sabrina Elba, who both tested positive for coronavirus, will also take part. Gaga explained that the TV special is not a fundraiser: "Put your wallets away ... and sit back and enjoy the show you all deserve."

Stephen Colbert, Jimmy Fallon and Jimmy Kimmel will host "One World: Together At Home," which will also highlight those affected by the virus and celebrate health care workers.

## Other news

■ **Pink** said April 3 on Twitter that she had tested positive for COVID-19, and the singer announced that she is donating \$500,000 each to two emergency funds.

■ **The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences** is giving \$6 million to help film industry employees out of work due to the coronavirus pandemic.

■ **Patricia Bosworth**, an actress who once starred alongside Audrey Hepburn and later wrote biographies on several stars including Marlon Brando and Montgomery Clift, died April 2 due to complications from the coronavirus. She was 86.

■ **Honor Blackman**, the potent British actress who took James Bond's breath away as Pussy Galore in "Goldfinger" and who starred as the leather-clad, judo-flipping Cathy Gale in "The Avengers," has died. She was 94. Blackman's family said in a statement Monday that she died peacefully of natural causes.

■ **Actor Logan Williams**, who appeared in CW's "The Flash" as the young Barry Allen, died April 2. No other details were available. He was 16.

A few of the programs offered on Quibi are, from left, Anna Kendrick in "Dummy"; Sophie Turner in "Survive"; Liam Hemsworth in "Most Dangerous Game"; Chrissy Teigen in "Chrissy's Court"; and Chance the Rapper in "Punk'd." For now, the service is only available in North America.

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## OPINION

## Stay-at-home campaign might help Biden win

By DOYLE MCMANUS  
Los Angeles Times

If we weren't in the middle of a pandemic, Joe Biden almost certainly would be winning Democratic primaries and locking up the nomination about now — coasting from one victory speech to another, basking in the cheers of his supporters and wall-to-wall media coverage.

Instead, the former vice president is marooned at his home in Wilmington, Del., doing a glitch-filled virtual town hall on Facebook Live and little-noticed cable news interviews in between phoning do-nors and volunteers to keep his presidential campaign afloat.

For a week or so Biden's struggle to stay visible caused panic among Democrats.

"Where's Biden?" memes pinballed across the internet after several days in which he didn't appear on TV. He eventually reappeared on the daytime talk show "The View" — from his basement.

But Biden's predicament is escapable. A deadly contagion is far more pressing than the November election, and will remain so as long as Americans are dying in droves and the economy is heading off a cliff. But in an odd way, being out of the public eye may be good for Biden's prospects. He's running as the On-not-Trump candidate, and voters will know that next fall even if he's not on TV now.

Any reelection race is a referendum on the incumbent. That will be even more true for President Donald Trump given the public health and economic catastrophes ravaging the country. The most important factor in November will be what voters think about Trump's leadership in this time of extraordinary crisis: Did he do

a good job or a poor job trying to quell the pandemic and rescue the economy?

In effect, Trump is running against himself. More precisely, he's running against the president who told us the coronavirus was nothing to worry about and claimed that anyone who wanted a test could get one, among many other falsehoods.

With the pandemic dominating our lives, Biden can only cause himself trouble if he tries to become the center of attention. People want to hear from the leaders making decisions, not from critics on the side.

Besides, unlimited TV time carries a risk for a candidate known as a gaffe machine.

The Biden basement tapes have been mostly error free, unless you count the time he coughed into his fist during an interview with CNN. Jake Tapper scolded him for using his elbow. Biden told him meetings with staff, appears in digital town halls and does about a dozen media appearances a week. After a rocky start involving garbled audio and missed cues, the broadcasts have improved considerably.

"We were building the airplane while we were flying it," a campaign aide told me. Biden once plays the role of shadow President, explaining what he would do in this crisis if he were in the Oval Office. His policy message is generic Democrat: more energetic federal action, bigger stimulus measures, easier access to Obamacare.

More important than campaign's strategy, Biden wants to be seen to stand about temperament: He projects calm, steady, predictable — in short, the opposite of Trump. In one recent appearance, Biden ticked through a list of proposals on how to implement the \$2 trillion economic rescue package that Congress passed last month, including measures to encourage sharing arrangements among furloughed workers — not exactly headline stuff.

## Why airlines don't want to refund your flight tickets

By CHRIS BRYANT  
Bloomberg Opinion

In documents published alongside Carnival Corp.'s \$6.25 billion debt and equity offering last week, the beleaguered cruise ship operator showed why it might not keep much of that cash for long.

Carnival held \$4.7 billion in customer deposits at the end of February for trips that passengers paid for in advance but hadn't yet taken. Because their cruises have been canceled amid the coronavirus outbreak, many customers will want their money back. As such, Carnival could soon find itself short of cash again.

Carnival's predicament is shared by hundreds of travel, airline, sports, education and entertainment businesses — all of which depend on advanced payment from customers to fund their operations. People probably don't realize it, but when they pay for a ticket months in advance they're effectively extending these companies an interest-free loan. The world's airlines might have to repay \$35 billion in customer credit during the next three months, according to industry body IATA; the largest of these companies each held close to \$5 billion in customer advance payments at the end of December, corporate filings show.

What happens to this customer money is a hugely important question that could determine whether a company remains solvent or will need a government bailout. Tour operator Tui AG, for example, secured a 1.8 billion euro (\$1.9 billion) rescue loan from the German government last month, even though it had taken in about 2.9 billion euros of advance payments from customers — it had to borrow the money.

There are sound reasons why companies

should be allowed to hold onto customer money: Taxpayers would foot a rescue bill, which doesn't seem very fair when it's estimated that only 15% of Brits take 70% of the country's international flights.

By pulling their cash out now — rather than waiting for rescheduled holidays, flights and events, or accepting a credit voucher to book a future alternative — customers risk destabilizing businesses that they admire and depend upon. But it's essential too that customer money is adequately protected and people who rely on it need their money back, such as those who've recently lost their jobs, can get it.

That's why there's such disagreement around the travel industry's preferred solution to the problem: the credit voucher. Like the airlines, Carnival hopes that people will accept these to put toward a future trip in lieu of cash. So far, about 45% of customers have chosen this option. But the travel industry is worried that this voluntary uptake isn't enough. Hence it is furiously lobbying governments to allow companies to make the vouchers non-optional.

That would require the suspension of consumer protection laws that governments like Germany and the Netherlands are sympathetic to their domestic companies' plight and are encouraging the use of vouchers, the European Union and the U.S. have held firm, saying that if customers want their money back, they should get it. That's why the fact a repay loan has been secured with vouchers would join a long queue of unsecured creditors.

In theory, European holidaymakers' prepayments are protected if a tour operator becomes insolvent. But when Thomas Cook collapsed last year, the Air Travel Trust Fund that a repay loan was based on was drained of most of its cash.

But that was the point. To voters caught in a terrifying crisis, boring might be beautiful. It was a pandemic version of Biden's winning message in the primaries: a return to normalcy.

He struggles to strike the right tone when he talks about Biden. He tries to do two contradictory things at once — be tough on the president, but also claim that he's merely offering "constructive criticism."

On Thursday, he said his advice to Trump is: "Use your full authority. This is a war. Act like a commander in chief." "I'm not doing this to criticize," he added.

Even he recognizes that the balancing act doesn't always work.

"Why doesn't he just act like a president?" Biden demanded on MSNBC, and then had second thoughts. "That's a stupid way to say it," he added. "Sorry."

In a normal election year, a presidential campaign goes into mild hibernation between the end of the primary campaign (which hasn't quite happened) and the party conventions (which may not happen in their traditional form this year).

But in a normal year, you use this time to raise money, build a larger organization and set his general election strategy. He's doing all that now — only working from home, like the rest of us.

Most voters don't pay close attention to the presidential race until Labor Day or later. At that point, what course the pandemic takes, we'll be a different country next fall — and the conditions we face then will shape the election. So Democrats should relax. There's not much Biden can do now except hunker down in his basement and wait, like the rest of us, for the all-clear.

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Similarly, Thomas Cook's insurance didn't adequately protect German customers; German taxpayers ended up refunding those customers.

There are other ways for companies to get their money back if a company goes bust. Some travel insurance policies will pay out for an insolvency, as will credit-card processors. Still, the safest way to protect your money is to not allow a distressed company to keep the cash in the first place. In the hope that governments will come round to their point of view, some airlines have repaid vouchers. But it's not clear what the process for customers. By stonewalling, they're able to keep the cash a bit longer but at the cost of alienating customers and travel agents. A much better approach is to offer customers an incentive to take the voucher option. Finnair Oyj customers can get vouchers worth 10% more than their canceled booking.

To make sure holidaymakers can get their money back when needed or are protected in the event of a company's collapse, governments also need financial safety nets and insolvency guarantees. Germany has proposed something like this, without providing details. It also plans a hardship clause for customers that can't afford to accept a voucher. As an alternative, governments might consider a travel emergency fund to cover reimbursement of flights and other services so businesses don't immediately have to foot the bill.

Helping stranded customers can help prevent scores of unnecessary insolvencies. But they mustn't be punished for showing a little love.

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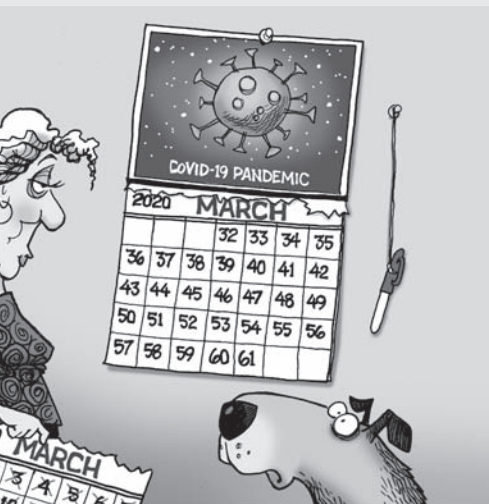
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## Pro football

## NFL calendar

**April 17** — Deadline for restricted free agents to sign offer sheets.  
**April 23-25** — NFL Draft  
**May 19** — Spring owners meeting, Marina del Rey, Calif.  
**June 1** — Training camps open.  
**Aug. 6** — Hall of Fame game, Canton, Ohio.  
**Aug. 8** — Hall of Fame inductions, Canton, Ohio.  
**Sept. 5** — Final roster cutdown to 53.

## Pro baseball

## MLB calendar

**TBA** — Opening day, active rosters reduced to 26 players.  
**June 3-4** — Owners meeting, New York.  
**July 14** — All-Star Game at Los Angeles.  
**July 26** — Hall of Fame induction, Cooperstown, N.Y.

## Pro soccer

## MLS glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA		W	L	T
Atlanta	2	0	1	5	4	2		2	0	1
Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3		1	0	1
New York	1	0	1	4	3	3		1	0	1
Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2		1	0	1
Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1		1	0	1
D.C. United	1	0	1	4	2	1		1	0	1
Chicago	0	1	1	1	2	3		0	1	1
New England	0	1	1	1	2	3		0	1	1
Orlando City	0	1	1	1	2	3		0	1	1
Philadelphia	0	1	1	1	3	5		0	1	1
New York City FC	0	1	1	1	3	5		0	1	1
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	3	5		0	2	0
Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3		0	2	0
New York City FC	0	2	0	0	0	2		0	2	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA		W	L	T
Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	1	1		2	0	0
Minnesota United	2	0	0	6	1	1		2	0	0
Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	2		2	0	0
FC Dallas	2	0	0	6	4	2		2	0	0
Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	3		1	0	1
Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2		1	0	1
Portland	1	0	1	4	3	3		1	0	1
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3		1	1	0
Real Salt Lake	0	2	2	2	1	3		0	2	2
L.A. Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	4		0	1	1
San Jose	0	1	1	1	1	4		0	1	1
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5		0	1	1
Nashville SC	0	2	0	0	1	1		0	2	0

**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

**All games postponed until May 10.**

## Pro basketball

## NBA glance

Eastern Conference										
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	46	18	.719			46	18	.719		
Boston	43	21	.672	3		43	21	.672	3	
Philadelphia	39	25	.606	7½		39	25	.606	7½	
Brooklyn	46	20	.692			46	20	.692		
New York	21	45	.318	26		21	45	.318	26	
Southeast Division										
Miami	24	33	.421			24	33	.421		
Orlando	30	25	.545	11		30	25	.545	11	
Washington	29	26	.519	16½		29	26	.519	16½	
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18		23	42	.354	18	
Atlanta	17	47	.262	22		17	47	.262	22	
Central Division										
Milwaukee	42	12	.778			42	12	.778		
Indiana	39	25	.606	14		39	25	.606	14	
Chicago	22	43	.338	31		22	43	.338	31	
Cleveland	20	46	.303	33½		20	46	.303	33½	
Memphis	19	46	.292	34		19	46	.292	34	
Western Conference										
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	40	24	.625			40	24	.625		
Dallas	37	27	.577	1½		37	27	.577	1½	
San Antonio	37	26	.588	2		37	26	.588	2	
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12		28	36	.438	12	
San Antonio	17	36	.320	12½		17	36	.320	12½	
Northwest Division										
Denver	41	23	.641			41	23	.641		
Utah	41	23	.641	1½		41	23	.641	1½	
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½		40	24	.625	2½	
Portland	39	25	.606	3		39	25	.606	3	
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½		19	45	.297	23½	
Pacific Division										
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778			49	14	.778		
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½		44	20	.688	5½	
San Antonio	38	26	.588	21½		38	26	.588	21½	
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24		26	39	.400	24	
Golden State	15	50	.231	35		15	50	.231	35	

**All games postponed at least until mid-May.**



CHRIS GRAYTHEN, GETTY IMAGES/TNS

In this computer-generated, in-game image, William Byron, driver of the #24 Axalta Chevrolet, races at Bristol Motor Speedway on Sunday in Bristol, Tenn., in the third race of iRacing's Pro Invitational Series.

## Racing roundup

## Byron wins at virtual Bristol

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — William Byron led the most laps in NASCAR's first two virtual races and had nothing to show for his gaming skills. The third time out, he got the win.



Byron

Byron easily won the iRacing event Sunday at virtual Bristol Motor Speedway, where NASCAR would have been really racing before the coronavirus pandemic caused sports to shut down.

"Some things are different but a lot of things are similar and this is a racetrack I've always enjoyed coming to," Byron said. "It's fun to have some pressure on iRacing; I usually just run it to have some fun and get better."

NASCAR changed the format this week and started with single-car qualifying to set the field for a pair of 50-lap heat races. Those heat races determined the start-

**"I got Bubba'd! I need a beer really badly."**

Clint Bowyer

after he was moved out of line by Bubba Wallace

ing order. Byron started from the pole and was never challenged.

The entertainment again came from the drivers, most of whom streamed their gaming experiences for fans to eavesdrop on the action and the arguing. Clint Bowyer was the in-race reporter and again delivered a hilarious performance.

"I got Bubba'd!" Bowyer shouted after he was moved out of line by Bubba Wallace. "I need a beer really badly."

Wallace appeared to "rage quit" the race after the incident. "That's why I don't take this (crap) seriously. Peace out," Wallace said on his gaming stream.

Blue-Emu, one of Wallace's sponsors, was apparently not pleased. "Bye Bye Bubba. We're interested in drivers, not quitters," said a tweet on the account of the topical pain reliever cream. The company added a second tweet using the image of Donald Trump uttering his "You're Fired" catchphrase from "The Apprentice."

## Aussie McLaughlin wins virtual IndyCar event

Scott McLaughlin's real IndyCar debut is on hold because of the coronavirus pandemic. The Australian V8 SuperCars champion isn't letting that stop him from learning how to virtually drive the cars.

McLaughlin won IndyCar's virtual race from virtual Barber Motorsports Park in Alabama, the second race in the series' attempt to create content during the worldwide shutdown of sports.

McLaughlin drives for Roger Penske in Australia and the team owner had planned to give McLaughlin his series debut in May on the road course at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. That plan was scrapped when the IndyCar season was suspended last month. The road course race has been tentatively rescheduled for July 4, a date Penske said would be too hectic for McLaughlin to make his debut.

## Briefly

## Texas hires coach Schaefer away from powerhouse Mississippi State

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas moved quickly to hire a new women's basketball coach, luring Vic Schaefer away from powerhouse Mississippi State on Sunday.

Texas athletic director Chris Del Conte announced the move by tweeting a picture of himself with Schaefer and his family holding up the "Hook'em Horns" hand signal. Del Conte did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

The move comes just two days after Texas dismissed eight-year coach Karen Aston, who had only one losing season in her tenure and had led the Longhorns to the Sweet 16 or farther four times. Aston had reached the end of her contract and it was not renewed.

Schaefer will inherit a Texas program that went 19-11 last season but will lose four of its top six scorers next season.

Schaefer, 59, was 221-62 in games at Mississippi State and the Bulldogs lost in the NCAA Tournament championship game in 2017 and 2018. Mississippi State was 27-6 and ranked No. 9 before last season was cut short and the tournament canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. He also led Mississippi State to one of the greatest upsets in women's basketball history when the team beat UConn in the Final Four in 2017, ending the Huskies' 111-game winning streak.

He was set to make \$1.65 million at Mississippi State next season. Details of his Texas contract, which will have to be approved by the school's Board of Regents, were not immediately released.

## British Open canceled as schedule reworked

The British Open will not be played this year for the first time since 1945, with the R&A choosing to play golf's oldest championship next year at Royal St. George's and move the 150th Open at St. Andrews to 2022.

It was a major piece of golf trying to reconfigure a schedule brought on by the spread of the new coronavirus.

Golf organizations were expected to announce later Monday the PGA Championship moving to August, the U.S. Open going to September and the Masters to be played in November, two week before Thanksgiving.

All that depends on guidance from government and health authorities.

## Guam league cancels spring sports season

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

Spring sports for Guam's private school league have been canceled for high schools and middle schools because of the ongoing coronavirus threat.

The decision was announced Friday in a news release from the Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam president Terry Debold.

The Department of Defense

Education Activity's Guam High School is a member of the IIAAG.

"This was a very difficult decision obviously influenced by the COVID-19 public threat and corresponding government mandates prohibiting social gatherings," Debold said in the release.

The league's decision affects track and field, girls soccer, boys volleyball and padding for high schools.

The announcement came as

the number of cases on the island reached 82, according to local media reports.

"We truly sympathize with all of our student-athletes ... most especially the graduating seniors who will not have the opportunity to enjoy some final moments in high school sports," Debold said.

Far East tournaments in spring sports were canceled previously.

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## NFL/COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Redskins pioneer Mitchell dies at 84

Hall of Famer was Washington's first black player

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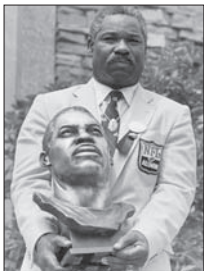
Bobby Mitchell, the Pro Football Hall of Famer who broke the Washington Redskins' color barrier as their first African American player and later served as a scout and front-office executive during his more than four decades with the organization, died Sunday, according to the Hall of Fame and the team.

Mitchell was 84. No cause of death was disclosed.

"I was extremely saddened to hear the news about the passing of the great Bobby Mitchell," Redskins owner Daniel Snyder said in a written statement. "His passion for the game of football was unmatched by anyone I have ever known. He was a true class act and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Gwen and the entire Mitchell family during this time."

Mitchell, whose playing career spanned from 1958 to 1968, was a four-time Pro Bowl selection in 11 seasons as a halfback with the Cleveland Browns and as a flanker with the Redskins.

"I have to live with people all ways talking about me as the first black player against all my exploits," Mitchell said in 2003.



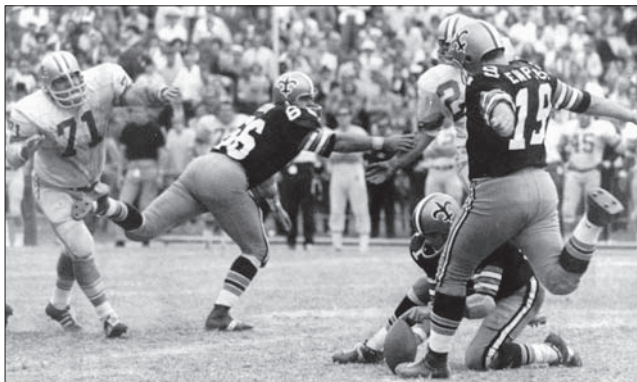
GUS CHAN/AP

**Halfback/flanker Bobby Mitchell was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1983.**

"I've always been very upset that people always start with that. I don't want to hear that, and yet I have to hear it constantly and it overshadows everything I've done in the game."

Mitchell was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1983. In 2002, he was named one of the 70 greatest Redskins as part of their 70th anniversary celebration.

At the time of his retirement from playing for the Redskins, after the 1968 season, he ranked third in NFL history with 14,078 all-purpose yards and fifth in touchdowns with 92, including one on a pass that he threw.



Associated Press

**Kicker Tom Dempsey, who played in the NFL despite being born without toes on his kicking foot, died Saturday in New Orleans while struggling with complications from coronavirus, his daughter said.**

## Record-setting kicker Dempsey dies at 73

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Tom Dempsey, the kicker born without toes on his kicking foot who made a then-record 63-yard field goal, died late Saturday while struggling with complications from the new coronavirus. He was 73.

The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate first reported Dempsey's death. Ashley Dempsey said Sunday that her father, who has resided in an assisted living home for several years after being diagnosed with dementia, tested positive for the coronavirus a little more than a week ago.

The Orleans Parish coroner has yet to release an official cause of death.

Dempsey's game-winning field goal against Detroit on Nov. 8, 1970, stood as an NFL record for 43 years until the Broncos' Matt Prater broke it with a 64-yarder in Denver in 2013.

Dempsey spent 11 seasons in the NFL: His first two seasons were with New Orleans (1969-70), the next four with Philadelphia, then two with the Los

Angeles Rams, one with the Houston Oilers and the final two with Buffalo. He retired after the 1979 season.

"Tom's life spoke directly to the power of the human spirit and exemplified his resolute determination to not allow setbacks to impede following his dreams and aspirations," Saints owner Gayle Benson said in a statement.

Dempsey was born in Milwaukee without four fingers on his right hand and without toes on his right foot. He kicked straight on with a flat-front shoe that drew protests from some who saw the specially made kicking shoe as an unfair advantage.

Dempsey would counter by saying he was merely doing the best he could to use the foot with which he was born, and for the most part, NFL officials, including then-Commissioner Pete Rozelle, agreed. Still, in 1977, the NFL passed what is widely known as the "Tom Dempsey Rule," mandating that shoes worn by players with "an artificial limb on his kicking leg must have a kicking surface that conforms to that of a normal kicking shoe."

## Best: The best one-and-dones had an instant impact in college

FROM BACK PAGE

the coronavirus pandemic, AP put together an informal list of the greatest one-and-done players in the history of men's college basketball. Davis and Syracuse's Carmelo Anthony top the list, which is alphabetical, after leading their teams to national titles.

Davis averaged a team-high 14.2 points for Kentucky in 2011-12 despite ranking fourth on his team in field-goal attempts. He had 10.4 rebounds per game and 186 total blocks. He was the No. 1 overall pick in that year's NBA draft.

**Carmelo Anthony, Syracuse (2002-03):** Anthony averaged 22.2 points and 10 rebounds to earn second-team Associated Press All-America honors in while helping Syracuse win the national title. He averaged 26.5 points and 12 rebounds per game in the Final Four.

The 10-time NBA All-Star provided the \$3 million lead gift that led to the construction of the Carmelo K. Anthony Basketball Center, a \$19 million practice facility for the Syracuse basketball programs.

"He was here just one year, but he's stayed with us continuously," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "Obviously, the contribution made it possible for us to build the center, but he shows up, he comes up. He's just very supportive of what we've done."



Beasley

**Michael Beasley, Kansas State (2007-08):** Beasley led all Division I players in rebounding (12.4) and ranked third in scoring (26.2) to earn first-team AP All-America honors. His 28 double-doubles remain the most ever by a Division I freshman.

"In the era of one-and-dones, you put his stats up against any of them and he's by far the best one-and-done year of any of the guys out there from a statistical standpoint," said South Carolina coach Frank Martin, who coached Beasley at Kansas State.

Beasley carried Kansas State to a 21-12 record and a round-of-32 appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Beasley was the No. 2 overall pick in the 2008 draft.

**Kevin Durant, Texas (2006-07):** Durant averaged 25.8 points and 11.1 rebounds as a consensus national player of the year. He helped Texas go 25-10 with an NCAA Tournament round-of-32 loss to Southern California.

"His work ethic is second to none," said Tennessee coach Rick Barnes, who

coached Durant at Texas. "He was always a person that I would take the best clips I could find of (Michael) Jordan and LeBron (James) and Kobe (Bryant) and show him those little subtle things those guys did, and he was like a Kodak camera, man. He could click it and almost make it part of his game instantly."

Durant has gone on to become an NBA MVP and a two-time NBA champion. He made a \$3 million donation to the University of Texas in 2018.



Durant

**Greg Oden, Ohio State (2006-07):** Oden earned first-team AP All-America honors as Ohio State went 35-4 and lost to Florida in the NCAA Tournament final. Three of the Buckeyes' top four scorers were freshmen and

former AAU teammates: Oden, Mike

Conley and Daquan Cook.

Oden averaged 15.7 points, 9.6 rebounds and 3.3 blocks for Ohio State and was picked No. 1 overall in the 2007 draft. Injuries caused the 7-footer to play just 105 career NBA regular-season games.

Oden earned his degree from Ohio State in May 2019. Oden says he now advises athletes for a financial education company. He played in the Big3 league last year.

"Dedicating my life to ball and then that not working out, it was kind of a reset," Oden said.

**Zion Williamson, Duke (2018-19):** Williamson swept the national player of the year awards during his lone season at Duke, averaging 22.6 points, 8.9 rebounds, 2.1 steals and 1.8 blocks.

Williamson helped Duke go 32-6 with a loss to Michigan State in an NCAA regional final. The New Orleans Pelicans took Williamson with the top pick in the 2019 draft.

John Kekis in Syracuse, New York, contributed to this report.



Williamson

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

TOP 10  
ALL-TIME

With no March Madness, The Associated Press is moving stories and historical pieces to help fill some of the void in college basketball. A panel of AP sports writers voted in March on the top 10 men's basketball games in the history of the NCAA Tournament. They are being republished because the sport has been shut down by the coronavirus pandemic. The following game story, from April 5, 2016, was voted No. 1.

## No. 1

## Villanova's three of destiny

## Jenkins' buzzer-beating shot gives Wildcats 2016 title, stuns Tar Heels

By EDDIE PELLIS  
Associated Press

KRIS JENKINS is one of those players who believes every shot is going in. Sometimes, it goes so right to be right.

The Villanova junior answered a double-clutch, game-tying three-pointer by North Carolina's Marcus Paige with a buzzer-beating three of his own Monday night to lift the Wildcats to a 77-74 victory and the national championship.

One good shot deserved another.

And Jenkins wasn't about to be outdone.

"I think every shot's going in," he said, "and this one was no different."

The shot came on a play Villanova works on every day in practice: Jenkins inbound the ball to Ryan Arcidiacono, he works it up court and forward Daniel Ochefu sets a pick near halfcourt to clutter things up, then Arcidiacono creates.

This time, the senior point guard made an underhanded flip to Jenkins, who spotted up a pace or two behind the arc and swished it with Carolina's Isaiah Hicks running at him. Or, as Jenkins put it: "One, two step, shoot 'em up, sleep in the streets."

Jenkins had to come up big after Paige collected a pass on the top right side of the arc and, with Arcidiacono running at him, double clutched and pumped it in

to tie the game at 74 with 4.7 seconds left.

It completed a Carolina comeback from six points down with 1:52 left.

Coach Jay Wright called timeout and called the play the Wildcats (33-5) have worked on all season.

"I didn't have to say anything in the huddle," he said. "We have a name for it, that's what we're going to do. Just put everybody in their spots."

He knew the shot was going in, too.

"Bang," Wright said as he watched it fall, then calmly walked to shake Carolina coach Roy Williams' hand. Confetti flew. The refs looked at the replay to make sure the shot got off in time. It did. The points went up on the scoreboard. Celebration on.

Jenkins finished with 14 points the last three as memorable as any that have been scored in the history of this tournament.

After being thrown to the floor by his teammates, Jenkins got up, leaped over press row, hugged his birth mom, a college basketball coach who helped him hone his shot and shouted, "They said we couldn't, they said we couldn't, they said we couldn't."

Oh yes, they could.

This adds to the title Villanova won in 1985, when Rollie Massimino, who was on hand Monday night, coached a miracle out of his eighth-seeded underdogs for a victory over star-studded Georgetown.

Hard to top this one, though.



CHARLIE NIERBERGAL/AP

Villanova players mob Kris Jenkins, center, after he scored the game-winning three-point basket in the 2016 NCAA championship game against North Carolina.



PHOTOS BY DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Top: Villanova's Kris Jenkins makes the game-winning three-point shot during his team's 77-74 win over North Carolina in the 2016 NCAA championship in Houston. Below: Villanova coach Jay Wright hugs Jenkins. It was Villanova's second national title, but the first for Wright.

Jenkins, who was adopted by the family of North Carolina guard Nate Britt when his mother moved to take a coaching job, now has a spot alongside and probably above Keith Smart, Lorenzo Charles, Christian Laettner and everyone else who ever made a late game-winner to win a big one in March Madness.

Paige finished with 21 and Joel Berry II had 20 for the Heels (33-7), the only No. 1 seed to make the Final Four. They came one agonizing shot short of giving Williams his third national title.

Not surprisingly, the tears flowed from the 65-year-old coach who, some speculate, could have worked his last game on the sideline; the entire sports program at Chapel Hill is under NCAA scrutiny and awaiting possible penalties for a long-running academic-fraud case.

"I'm not very good because I can't take away the hurt," Williams said. "I told them I loved them. I told them I wish I could have helped them more."

His thought when he saw the last shot fly: "It was helpless. It was not a good feeling."

Even MJ felt the pain. In the stands with the thousands of Carolina Blue-wearing fans, Michael Jordan simply nodded, smiled,



looked at his buddy Ahmad Rashad and said, "Good shot, good shot."

High praise from the Great One. And what a night for Villanova a second-seeded team full of scrappers, grinders and also-rans, who proved you don't have to have a roster full of NBA-bound one-and-donors to win a title. More people in the ESPN bracket contest picked "Nova to lose to a No. 15 seed in the first round than to win the whole thing. This team flamed out early in the

last two tournaments despite big expectations.

Not this time.

Before Jenkins did his thing, it was unheralded sophomore Phil Booth who isn't unheralded on that Villanova squad pouring in a career high 20 points to give the Cats their late six-point lead.

Booth forced a turnaround jumper with the shot-clock blaring to give "Nova a 69-64 lead at the 3:03 mark. With 1:52 left, a free throw from Josh Hart pushed the lead to six.

But Carolina never quits. Paige sandwiched a three-pointer and a putback around a bucket from Brice Johnson (14 points, eight rebounds) to help the Tar Heels stay within striking range. Then, he took a bounce pass, scooted by the diving Ochefu, twisted past Arcidiacono and hit his double-clutch.

Carolina fans went wild, and it looked like overtime.

Only, it wasn't.

"If I could get a shot, I was going to shoot it," said Arcidiacono, who finished with 16 points and two assists, one more memorable than the other. "But I heard someone screaming in the back of my head. It was Kris. I just gave it to him and he let it go with confidence."



## SPORTS



**Big hire for Longhorns**  
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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Best  
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Davis, 'Melo lead  
list of tourney's top  
one-and-done stars

BY STEVE MEGARGEE  
*Associated Press*

**A**nthony Davis didn't need to score big to control a game for Kentucky.

He made that clear during the final performance of his freshman season. Coach John Calipari recalls the conversation Davis had with his teammates after struggling to shoot during the first half of the 2012 NCAA championship game.

"And I overheard him saying to his teammates, 'I can't make a shot. I don't know what's going on. You guys shoot the balls. I'll get every rebound, block every shot and I'll defend like crazy. Let's just win this,'" Calipari recalled.

Davis went 1-for-10 from the field that night but still was named the most outstanding player of the Final Four because of everything else he did as Kentucky won the national title.

He had 16 rebounds, six blocks, five assists and three steals in the 67-59 championship victory over Kansas.

With no Final Four this weekend due to

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Kentucky's Anthony Davis — seen here driving against Kansas during the 2012 NCAA championship game in New Orleans — along with Syracuse's Carmelo Anthony, pictured left, top the AP's list of the best one-and-done players in college basketball history.

AP photos

## TO OUR READERS

As the sports world pauses to join the rest of the world in fighting the coronavirus pandemic, you will see fewer sports stories in Stars and Stripes. We look forward to resuming our normal coverage when the leagues and governing bodies determine it is safe for athletes and fans to return to competition.

